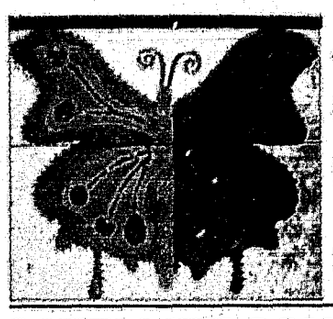

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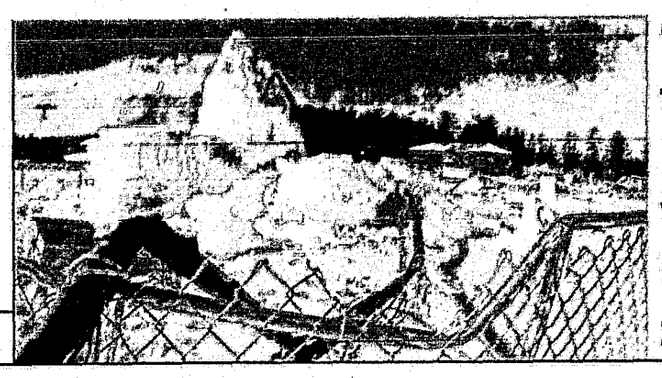

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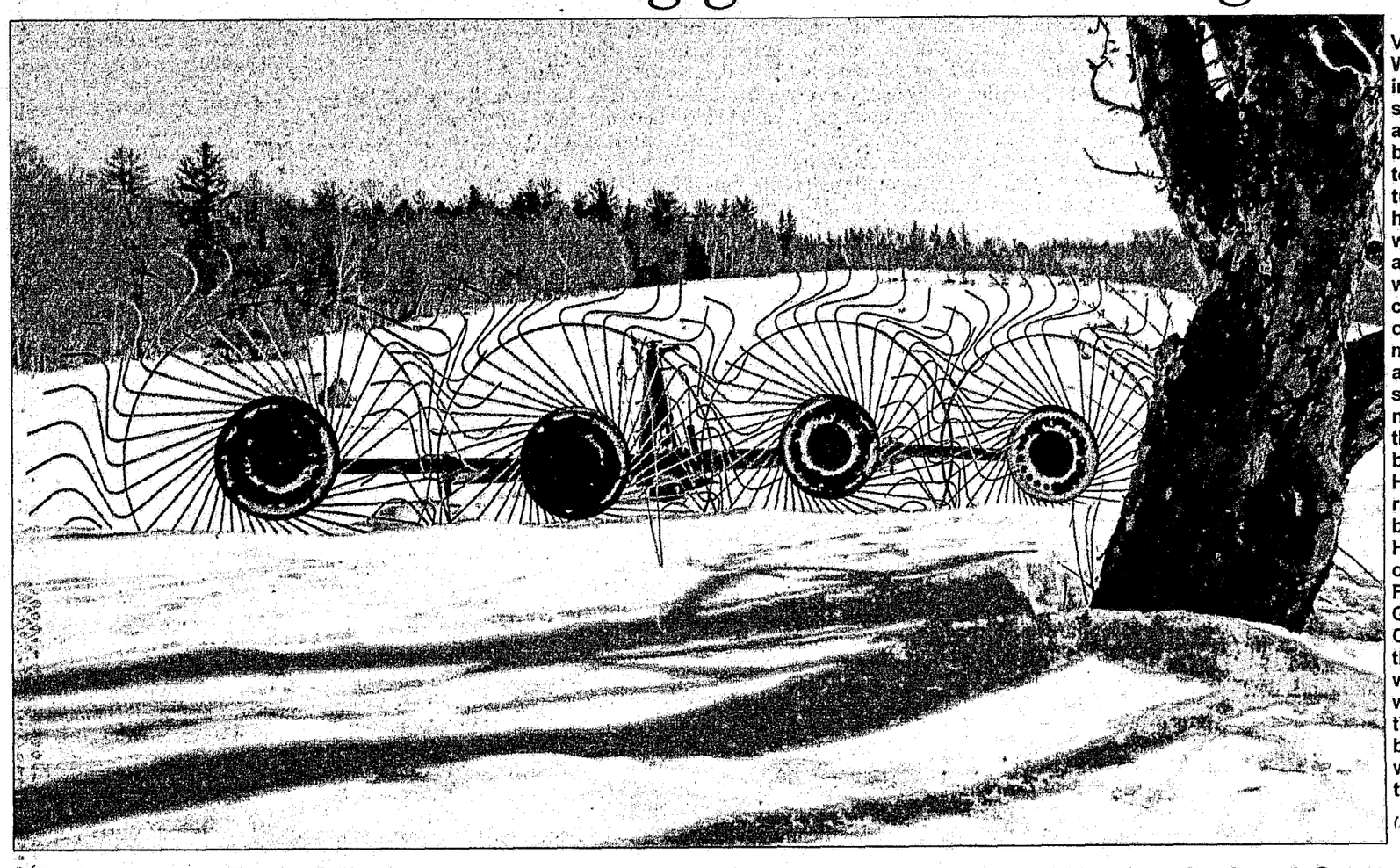
Winter whirligigs toward the wings



Vacation Week came in like a snow leopard, with below-zero temperatures and howling winds, but as the days wore on conditions outside mellowed, a sign that spring may not be all that far behind. Here, a hay rake at the base of Hayes Hill, on the Holt Farm in Greenwood City, awaits the warm weather, when it and the hillside behind it will go back to work.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Special Olympics a tradition for Rebels' X-C boys

By ALISON ALOISIO

Game Warden Norm Lewis of Woodstock began volunteering at Sugarloaf's Special Olympics 16 years ago, joining others from the Maine Warden Service. Little did he know he would be joined over the years by the entire Telstar Nordic ski team.

The Special Olympics provide physically or mentally handicapped persons an opportunity for competition. The Maine Winter Special Olympics take place each year at Sugarloaf in Carrabassett Valley.

"When my oldest son, John, was 12, I took him along, and the next year I took my youngest son, Ben," said Norm. "After that I began to take both of them, because they did not want to alternate, and both looked forward to going. It was not like they went to Sugarloaf and skied. They worked the two and a half days alongside me, the other game wardens and the many volunteers. John became the right-hand man to Rick, the kitchen and dining room supervisor. John eventually was put in charge of brewing all the coffee and making all the hot chocolate for the 500-plus athletes and

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G'wood will vote on funds for replacing Johnny's Bridge

By MICHAEL DANIELS

At their annual town meeting in May, Greenwood voters will be asked if they are ready to start raising the estimated $135,000 needed to replace Johnny's Bridge.

The current structure, which has served since 1926, was inspected by the Maine Department of Transportation in 2009. Following the inspection, "They asked us to replace is as soon as possible," said Kim Sparks, town manager and highway commissioner.

The inspection report rates the conditions of the bridge's substructure, superstructure and deck all as "poor," and its approach as only "fair."

Town selectmen, at their regular meeting last Monday, reviewed a preliminary engineering plan for a new bridge.

The current bridge is 20 feet long by 12.5 feet wide.

The plan, prepared by Calderwood Engineering of Richmond, calls for replacing it with a 34-foot-long by 23.3-foot-wide structure, with two 10-foot-wide travel lanes

The overall project length (including rebuilt approaches) would be 174 feet.

Passage of water under the bridge would be accommodated by a precast-concrete box culvert, 34 feet long (i.e., perpendicular to bridge), by 20 feet wide, and 8 feet deep.

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County EMA will pitch in if Newry encounters a large-scale emergency

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen recently entered into a one-year "memorandum of understanding" with the Oxford County Emergency Management Agency to receive management assistance from the agency in the event of a large-scale emergency in Newry.

The agreement may be extended in the future.

Under such arrangements, a local elected official would still make decisions regarding evacuations, expenditures and other critical matters.

The town would be responsible for "reasonable costs for the use of the team to include salaries, travel and lodging.

The proposal was presented by county EMA director Scott Parker, who said the arrangement is intended for towns that have only a

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And selectmen agree to apply for grant to do something about milfoil

By MICHAEL DANIELS

After discussing the Johnny's Bridge project last week Greenwood selectmen went on to approved another lakes-related financial item last week — unanimously agreeing to begin the process to have the town apply for a $47,000 Community Development Block Grant, with the money to be spent in the ongoing effort to monitor and control milfoil in local lakes.

According to the draft letter of application, that grant (from the state, not town, funds) would be bundled with $36,000 in funding from the Community Lakes Association, $50,200 from the Bryant Pond 4-H School and National 4-H Council and a $3,800 Sea Perch Grant — toward full package of $137,000.

The actual role Greenwood's $47,000 would play in that effort was, however, a bit murky.

Town Manager Sparks told the selectmen: "They want to build remote-controlled robots that would go into the ponds. They have cameras and lights on them and someone would be in the boat operating the robot, looking for milfoil, and once milfoil is found, the device will note the GPS coordinates for

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"IT WAS GREAT WHILE IT LASTED," said engineer Jim Sysko, designer of the 100-plus-foot "ice mountain" that has towered over Bethel this winter. The tower blew down Saturday night in strong winds.
The structure was anchored by four guy wires attached to 1,800-pound concrete blocks that were frozen into the ground. While Sysko expressed amazement Sunday as he looked at one block that had been pulled completely out of its position, he said he had had some worries as the winds intensified. "The best-laid plans of mice and men," said Sysko as he gathered up climbing ropes from around the base. The ice crashed to the ground within the surrounding fence and the supporting metal structure bent into three pieces.
Said Robin Zinchuk, Executive Director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce: "We are very grateful that three ice climbers had the opportunity to scale the tower on Thursday before it came down and we certainly are disappointed that we need to cancel the ice climbing demonstrations this week. The fact that no one was hurt and there was minimal damage to the fence during the collapse is a blessing." *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

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Letters

CONGRESS OF BETHEL SPEAKS

To the Editor:

The asphalt plant — time to stop talking and vote? Case in reference — the old zoning issue:

After the March 1968 regular Town Meeting both sides on the zoning issue got down to business.

General grumbling about zoning had been going on for months. When the Planning Board held it first 1968 meeting in the third week of March, the town manager already had a petition signed by more than 200 to abolish zoning.

It reads now like the Planning Board was scrambling to solve complaints by proposing a number of amendments to the zoning ordinance.

Three of these addressed Industrial Zones: it was then proposed to allow mobile homes, gas stations and improvement of pre-existing single family homes in the Industrial Zone.

At their meeting the next week the Planning Board discussed articles to be published aimed at clearing up misunderstandings about the Zoning Ordinance.

On April 15 and 22 those opposed to zoning met at the Western Maine Supply store to organize their effort to repeal the Zoning ordinance.

"It was the general feeling that zoning in the present form is based on the personal feelings of the Planning Board alone and does not represent the good of the town," was the opposition group's feeling as reported in The Citizen.

A third meeting was called for April 29.

On May 2 there was a public hearing at Odeon Hall to discuss: Proposal to abolish zoning, proposed zoning amendments, and the creation of a Bethel Sewer District.

On May 14, a special Town Meeting was held at the Fire Station. The vote was 527 to abolish zoning and 206 to keep zoning. At the same time voters turned down a Bethel Sewer District 532 to 177.

The Congress of Bethel had spoken.

Donald Bennett
Bethel

SWIM HOLE? FOLLOW YOUR NOSE

To the Editor:

I believe that the proposed asphalt plant would bring all of the problems of heavy industry with none of the benefits.

From all I have learned in researching other towns that have fought such plants we can expect noise and odors, and added traffic from heavy vehicles which also emit noise and odors, and toxins.

On the reverse side we cannot expect anything much in the way of local employment or lowering of our property taxes, both of which our lost mill industry supplied.

Those of us who are against the asphalt plant in Bethel are not against business. In fact many of us, like myself, are business people.

There is business and then there is heavy industry, and both have their place. Over the past 40 years Bethel has lost its industrial base and been forced to look more towards forestry related business, tourism, and outdoor activities to replace that economy.

All three of those work harmoniously together. Loggers have built ski mountains. Some venture into excavating to dig foundations for ski homes and condos. Hikers and bikers use logging roads.

But rightly or wrongly the average person doesn't see loggers as being an industrial business. That is not so for asphalt production, and Bethel has built its brand over the past 20 years as being one of the most quaint and pristine villages left in Maine.

I have heard the arguments regarding toxins, odor, and noise (I'm not sure anyone has mentioned the loss of property values that are typical around asphalt plants), but I haven't seen any mention of loss of brand. I can hear the conversation now between a local and some visiting tourist.

Tourist: "Where can you swim outdoors here in the summer?"

Local: "We have a nice swimming hole up the North Road. Just turn at the Big Adventure Center. It's up by the asphalt plant."

Chandler McGrew
Bethel

WHO WAS REALLY AFFECTED?

To the Editor:

In reference to this past week's article about the fire, more so "No traffic, no business," Route 26 was not shut down by police, it was shut down by the local fire departments.

In their defense, where is it the "gossip corner" at Breau's Too suggest that they should have put the fire trucks and firemen while they should have been letting traffic go through on Route 26?

Maybe the next time there's a fire the "gossip corner" would be better served out there volunteering with the firemen, maybe then they will have a better understanding as to what goes on at a fire scene and why fire departments have to make the decisions that they do, like re-routing traffic so they can work on putting a fire out.

In the big picture: Bob Breau may have lost customers and a few hundred dollars but another man lost his home and all he possessed that day — so really, who was affected by this fire?

Elicia Rainey
West Paris

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WRONG TIME, WRONG PLACE FOR KINDNESS

To the Editor:

With the increasing traffic undoubtedly arriving with the upcoming February vacation, I encourage those traveling through the Parkway/Route 2 intersection to exercise even more mindfulness and caution than already required to safely navigate this dangerous area. Although I've not heard of any intersection tragedies lately, we all continually gamble with the sad fact that it's merely a matter of time. At the same time, however, I also contend that this area is not the place for the courteousness often extended when stopped drivers, unable to move for one reason or another, decide to be "kind" and wave at another waiting driver, encouraging that driver to make their move. In this particular intersection, that type of "kindness" invites disaster.

Locals who frequently travel through this area are likely familiar with this type of "kindness" and probably all have stories of stressful experiences, some involving "near misses," others with more tragic results. Describing my most recent intersection drama, I'm sure many of you will relate. Although the stories are often similar, this one seemed unusually bizarre and eventually prompted me, who actually knows the right of way protocol, to break the law by making a move to finally escape what seemed like an endless standoff of "who's not going first."

My passenger and I arrived at the congested intersection after traveling over the overpass, and stopped to turn left into Rite Aid. Another vehicle coming from the east was already stopped and waiting to make their left hand turn onto Parkway, so we waited to make our turn. Having been rear-ended in the past I also anxiously kept one eye on my rear view mirror where a tractor trailer was approaching; however, the confusing circus in front of me quickly took precedence leaving me to trust the truck driver behind me would pay attention and stop. Next, while that first vehicle waiting to turn onto Parkway evidently didn't know it had the right of way and was supposed to go ahead and make its turn, a pick-up truck stopped at the end of Parkway and waiting to turn left onto Route 2 suddenly pulled out and took a direct left, squeezed by my right and drove in the wrong direction on the eastbound Route 2 thru lane, and then cut behind my vehicle while somehow managing to avoid that oncoming tractor trailer, and miraculously merged into the westbound Route 2 lane! Unless this was a secret agent on a mission to save the world, I considered this totally unnecessary, say nothing about dangerous and stupid.

After witnessing that fiasco, my eyes returned to that first vehicle, still stopped and now "kindly" waving to me to go ahead and make my turn. This is where my apprehensiveness in regard to "kindness" comes into play. Many, many times I have witnessed drivers stopped at various points of this intersection, trying to figure out who's "turn" it is to move, scanning their memory banks yet failing to recall the rules and regulations of their Driver's Ed manuals. My understanding is the east/west Route 2 traffic has the right of way. Secondarily, the traffic coming from Parkway or Rite Aid should wait until it's safe to move, with whoever's in place first at either of those two points, moving first. In situations when vehicles arrive at any of these positions simultaneously however, the kindness factor tends to come into play with the practice of drivers waving each other to move creating confusing, dangerous situations. This afternoon was no exception.

There we were, still waiting to turn left, while that first vehicle coming from the east was still waiting to turn onto Parkway. Seeming like eternity, the waiting was now also loudly narrated by my passenger's adamant encouraging for me to go ahead and turn into Rite Aid because the driver of that first vehicle was "waving" me to do so. I, even more loudly, informed my passenger that the other driver may be trying to be nice but I was not about to make the turn and get smacked by westbound thru traffic potentially coming up on their right — traffic the waiting driver didn't notice and also not yet visible to me. My passenger was frustrated with my caution and did not understand my apprehension, but he quickly learned. With everyone in the intersection appearing to be at a loss as to what to do, seemingly frozen in time yet with more vehicles arriving each moment, finally against my better judgment and fully aware I was really not supposed to be the one to go, I slowly crept left toward Rite Aid until reaching a point where I could see the suspected traffic indeed approaching on that westbound thru lane, now passing the still-stopped "kind" driver. Luckily, the lead vehicle anticipated a cluster problem and slowed down enough to let me finish my turn.

All of us at the intersection that day were fortunate. We lived. My heart goes out to those who have lost loved ones, been injured, or suffered damages. Granted, there have been a number of positive changes at this intersection since its origin and the yellow/red signal has been a great improvement; however I strongly feel a full-scale red/yellow/green system would be better. If any readers agree and have any power to influence this change, please do so. Years ago, after a lot of research, it was my understanding that regulations do not permit these systems unless accident statistics fit a certain criteria. In other words, if there are not enough deaths or accidents within a particular time frame, the intersection does not warrant a fully operational directional system. As far as I'm concerned, one death is too many and unfortunately this area has claimed more than one life. It's sad to say, but evidently the timing of these incidents was "off" and therefore not considered important enough to satisfy DOT requirements for a fully operational signal. For at least one Bethel family, however, intersection stats have exceeded their personal criteria of stress level regardless of any "time frames," with local resident Cheri Thurston Andrews' son (Matt) having been involved in one of the first intersection accidents and her mother (Beverly Fecteau) being the most recent fatality, dying after months of suffering from injuries sustained in an accident at this spot. Sadly ironic, to say the least.

It's obvious there are times when the intersection is far more challenging than others, clearly busier during the ski season, etc., and more problematic at certain times of the day. However, even when the traffic flow is minimal this area tends to be visually confusing and inevitably many drivers will continue to not know who has the right of way, often treating it like a "four way stop" and consequently creating dangerous situations that could be eliminated with a full traffic signal. With the advancements in technology, there must be systems with various settings that can accommodate times of the year, times of the day, etc. I realize there are many who may feel this is all unnecessary and do not want the "hassle" of waiting for a green light, but really — is anyone so important that they can't "wait" a minute once in awhile for their chance to go?

On another note, I'm thankful to say I've witnessed tremendously positive changes in another area of our community with the implementation of new signs, flashing lights, and enforced reduced speed limits in the Telstar School zone on Route 26. To all of those responsible for those changes — the Oxford County Sheriff's Department, school officials, and the Department of Transportation — Thank you — Great job! Seeing this after so many years encourages my hope that future positive change in our confusing intersection can also happen.

Jewel Clark
Bethel

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment Six

The First Year, Settling In

Lyndell, T.R.'s blonde wife who had made all the pumpkin pies for my wedding refreshments, called us over for a big dinner. The brethren laughed and told stories of many family moves... from Brick End to the Caswell house and back... to the mansard-roofed house where T.R. now lives... to the village for the winter during academy days, home in the spring... Miss Fan, at seventy, had finally had enough and bought herself a small house in the village and stayed there. Moving the piano was always the biggest bugaboo but she never lacked for a crew of willing men who would have helped her anyway even if she had not always provided a stimulating drink kept hidden in the flour bin. I felt B.B. looking at me. He had been silent. All of his family, except Howard his father, had gone to California and they fortunately had never been tarred with the yern for possessions that all the branches of my family had never been able to break through. What was he thinking? Of course, of my piano, an old-fashioned square rosewood one in the Brick End north parlor. I wondered if we could even get it into the Skyfields house and even so it would look ridiculous there. Just then T.R. spoke up, "What did you plan to do about the piano?"

"I'm leaving it, giving it to Brick End," I answered and was rewarded with a dazzling smile from B.B. Back across the dooryards we traipsed and at the packing and moving again. We came to an end. I took a quick turn over the house to be sure that no bulky items had been left. Edward A. was sweeping the downstairs floors. All was serene; the old house was so crowded with furniture that a stranger wouldn't have known that anything had been removed.

Quite a different atmosphere greeted us as we arrived wearily back at Skyfields. B.B. paused at the open door and took my hand saying, "I always planned to carry you over the threshold when we had our first home of our own. Last night I was too curious to get in and see just what we had bought. Tonight there wouldn't be a place to set you down." Laughing, we picked our way through the shed, and on through the downstairs rooms. I had been too busy to give a thought as to where the trucks had been unloaded. Now I saw. There was no serenity here, only utter chaos. Every room was a jumble of this and that and any once empty floor space was now covered with boxes of books. "I didn't think free labor should be asked to carry anything upstairs," said B.B., "and besides, I didn't know where to put things myself." Just then we had a buzzing sound. Puzzled, we looked about. It sounded like a telephone ringing.

It was; we found one in the north back room and answered. It was Miss Fan calling. Already she had begun to go blind, her activities were curtailed, phoning was something that she could do easily. She had called the telephone office, discovered that there was a phone here, and had asked to have it connected. She was in high spirits over this coup and invited us down for supper. "Oh, Mother," I answered, "we've been packing and moving all day. I wouldn't go if someone offered to fly me on a magic carpet to Paradise." Besides, Lyndell had packed us a picnic.

"A man," said Miss Fan, "when he's been working all day likes a HOT supper, and what will you have for breakfast tomorrow?" I cast an appealing eye at B.B. to be rescued. He came to the phone and, to my surprise, told her that he would be very pleased to accept.

I went out to the porch. Last night there had been two chairs there. Now it seemed like another miracle of the loaves and fishes had happened. All the floor space out there was covered ... a picnic table large enough to seat ten people ... chairs of all descriptions ... a wooden grain box ... timbers for a large loom, a spinning wheel. I had forgotten about my arts and crafts days, getting a job as a waitress at the Carolina Hotel, its cavernous dining rooms and kitchens, its professional staff, all a far cry from college girls in a lakeside family inn. I survived, saved my money, went up to Penland and learned to weave. Here was the evidence out of the attic and my past to haunt me. I noticed some gray canvas shapes with chains attached leaning against the wall. They were hammocks. Looking up, I saw strong hooks in many different sports on the underside of the porch roof. I dragged things away to get at one of the hammocks, bumped it over the chairs, finally managed to get it hung on the north-southeast corner, and dropped into it, a haven of rest. A refreshing breeze swished by. Soon I was hungry, remembered Lyndell's lunch.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: An early morning fire destroyed the roof of a building housing the bending operation at Bethel Furniture Stock in West Bethel.

The Bethel Chorale Society performed "An Evening of Folk Music" at the West Parish Congregational Church.

Bethel selectmen gave final approval to a contract for the construction of a multi-use recreational path along the Androscoggin River.

Deaths: Donald James Langley, Marthon G. Tolman, Dorothy M. Wooster, Marjorie P. Jodrey, Norman E. Duran.

20 years ago: More than 400 turned out for the first Project DARE graduation held in the SAD 44 area.

Bethel Furniture Stock laid off nine employees because of declining sales.

The Bethel Water District was presented a plaque recognizing the district's continuous use of cast iron water mains for more than one hundred years.

Birth: Teague Jonathan Merrill.

Deaths: Winfield Rolfe, Thornton Currier, Jr., Leonard W. Doughty, Frances S. Poor, Dorothy H. Fortier.

30 years ago: The Greenwood Recreation Board sponsored a local talent show at the Town Hall.

Ice fisherman and skaters were enjoying the clear ice on Songo Pond.

The newly formed Supper Club at the West Bethel Union Church enjoyed a potluck supper with about 25 members and two guests in attendance.

Stefan Bessman of Sweden won the "Who Traveled Furthest" contest in Bethel's winter carnival.

Births: Brian Michael Judkins.

Deaths: Norwood A. Ford, David R. Myers, Richard A. Mills.

40 years ago: The roof of the Songo Lake Pavilion collapsed from the weight of the winter's snow. The structure was built by Abner Kimball in the 1930s.

Telstar won the 1971 Western Maine Class A Schoolboy Ski Championships with a point total of 393.48. Mexico High was runner-up with 342.65.

Andover Wood Products held their annual employee dinner at the Town Hall.

Deaths: Mrs. Winnie Logan, Ruth Tripp, Mrs. Etta B. Day.

50 years ago: A fashion show and dance to benefit the Sunday River Junior Ski Club was held at the William Bingham Gymnasium.

Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship and Methodist Youth Fellowship were guests of the Mexico Youth Group at a roller skating party.

Mrs. Ann Greenleaf and Mrs. Doris Hutchins, co-chairmen of the Cerebral Palsy Drive, announced that $209.15 was collected in Bethel.

Birth: David Blaine Lurvey.

Deaths: O'Nieal F. Hadakin.

60 years ago: Four men were fatally injured in an explosion at the Wilner wood mill at South Paris.

Ralph and Billy, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Butler, lost their lives when their home burned.

Deaths: Francis (Frank) R. Merrill, Mrs. Mary A. Lapham, Mrs. Eva M. Adams.

70 years ago: Raymond Buck, Middle Intervale, killed a bobcat that had killed 14 of his hens.

William Richardson of West Bethel accepted a government position as engine inspector at Portsmouth, N.H.

80 years ago: Henry Boyker purchased the old fairgrounds and plans were underway to form a stock company to revive the Bethel Fair.

Deaths: Henry H. Tibbetts, Eugene F. Smith, C. W. Sawyer.

90 years ago: The Odd Fellows block at South Paris was destroyed by fire which started in the moving picture booth of the Savoy Theatre.

Deaths: Mrs. Abbie Cummings, Olney A. Burgess.

100 years ago: E. E. Randall had the agency in Bethel for the Norway hand laundry.

Deaths: G. Fred Atherton, John P. Bennett, Lucinda Cole.

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VETS NO BOUNDARIES THANKS

To the Editor:

On behalf of everyone involved in the Veterans No Boundaries (VNB) program at Maine Handicapped Skiing, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for all of the local support we received during the sixth annual winter VNB program earlier this month. It is an enormous honor to serve these men and women twice each year, and this year's winter program was the biggest and best to date.

We served a total of 28 veterans and active duty military personnel with physical disabilities, over half of whom were injured in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Thanks to Sunday River, our incredible MHS volunteers and sponsorship from US Paralympics, the weekend was entirely free of charge for participants and their family members.

The Bethel Hostel donated rooms for a group of disabled active duty soldiers from Fort Drum, N.Y. The Bethel Inn, Rostay and Sunday River all offered significant discounts for MHS to purchase blocks of rooms for participants and their families using funding from the program's other donors. The Riverview Resort also stepped in to donate the use of their pool.

Numerous restaurants donated food and helped host meals. Crossroads Diner and The Phoenix hosted multiple meals for the participants, their families and key volunteers, and Funky Red Barn hosted a Super Bowl party for the entire group. The following other businesses also helped with food for the weekend: Good Food Store, Sunday River Brew Pub, Shipyard Brew Haus, Rooster's Roadhouse, Bethel Shop N Save, American Legion Auxiliary, Pat's Pizza, Bear River Trading Post and Grindo Harry's.

Three other local entities stepped up on Saturday to help host and provide additional activities that bolstered the program. Dave Carter at Carter's XC Center welcomed an adaptive biathlon workshop, as well as donated trail passes for us to ski and snowshoe, all on extremely short notice and in a welcoming way. Newry's Windy Valley Snowmobile Club and several other outlying clubs provided half-day tours out of the Newry Grange Hall. As always, the Parrothead Club of the Northern Tropics provided much appreciated evening entertainment along with cooking a meal.

The biggest thanks, however, has to go to Sunday River and our outstanding volunteers! For 29 years, both have laid the groundwork for what is possible at MHS by donating countless resources and immeasurable support, and both have grown with us whenever and however needed.

Please join us in thanking everyone involved in this year's Veterans No Boundaries program!

Joanne McMahon
Veterans No Boundaries Committee Co-Chair,
Member Maine Handicapped Skiing Board of Directors

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

To the Editor:

Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church invites you to attend their celebration of World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4, at 11 a.m. Luncheon will follow. (Snow date March 11.)

Representatives of area churches have been invited to join in this service.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide Ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of this worship service. This year the women of Chile have developed the theme, "How Many Loaves Have You," which calls for us to share our gifts for the good of all.

All are invited to join us. For more information, please contact one of these committee members: Rosemary McLean (665-2926); Kay McMillan (824-2324); Rosabelle Tifft (824-2053).

Rosabelle Tifft
Bethel

Newry

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small, volunteer fire department without leadership personnel trained at the highest levels of incident management under the National Incident Management Sys-tem (NIMS), or for towns that have a volunteer fire chief who cannot dedicate the time to the leadership courses ICS 300 and ICS 400 (totaling 40 hours of training).

"We have many fire chiefs who are great fire chiefs and get it done daily, and are not to the NIMS standard," Parker said Tuesday. "This is OK, NIMS is where the bar has been set and is a good standard yet in rural Maine, but it's sometimes hard to get there."

The courses are not required by law, he said. But the courses, or an MOU, are needed in order for a town to be eligible for homeland security money.

The agreement is one of the steps needed to make the Newry Town Office Emergency Operation Center eligible for a future 50/50 matching grant, said Parker.

For example, if the town became eligible, it could apply for a large generator for the office (to aid access to important records during an emergency) under a match.

Conservation Commission

For consideration at a future special town meeting, selectmen also accepted a proposed ordinance to establish a Newry Conservation Commission.

The ordinance was presented by former selectman Steve Wight. The commission would serve as an advisory group to selectmen in land-use related matters in Newry, and would "conduct research into local land areas and develop an index of all open areas within the town, whether publicly or privately owned, including wetlands and designated habitats, for the purpose of obtaining and sharing information relating to their protection, development or use."

Town officials said a public hearing would be required ahead of a vote.

A proposed ordinance covering wind power projects is also in the works, and the two topics might be scheduled together for one hearing in upcoming months.

Briefly

Sugarloaf lift reopens

CARRABASSETT VALLEY—A chair lift that caused eight injuries when it failed in December is back in operation at a Maine ski resort. Sugarloaf reopened the Spillway East lift Monday afternoon after the lift passed a load test Friday and additional weekend tests. General Manager John Diller says officials are "confident that it will provide the reliable transportation that our guests expect." Eight people were treated at hospitals on Dec. 28 after a lift cable popped out of place, causing five chairs to plummet 25 to 35 feet to the ground. The Maine State Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety hasn't issued its report on the cause. It was the worst lift-related accident in the 60-year history of Sugarloaf, which is located 120 miles north of Portland in Carrabassett Valley.

Towns around casino seek a cut

PARIS—Officials from the Maine town that is due to host the state's first full-blown casino are planning to ask their legislators to help them get a cut of casino revenues. Oxford County will receive a percentage of the casino revenue, but towns bordering Oxford won't receive direct funding from the casino. Paris Town Manager Phil Tarr said the intent is to create a regional fund for local towns to use for police, fire and roads to alleviate strain resulting from the casino's presence. He says the towns of Paris, Norway, Poland and Mechanic Falls will be represented at a meeting Friday in Paris.

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Bridge

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The interior depth of the culvert would be 6 feet, providing boaters passing under the road with an amount of headroom comparable to the current structure, Sparks said.

The four corners of the culvert would be each be stabilized with a 2x2x6-foot concrete-waste blocks.

Steel guardrails, held in place by concrete mountings, would flank the travelway.

The plan was presented by Calderwood engineer Owen Krauss, who said that that in addition to the usual resodding and repaving, the project also includes placing riprap, in order to stabilize the slope in which the guardrails are mounted.

An alternative would be to extend the slope further into the water, but that risks triggering a higher level of DEP review, he said.

But the riprap concerned Selectman Arnold Jordan, especially in light of one traditional (if uncondoned) recreational activity common to such sites.

"People like to take those rocks and walk up on the bridge and throw them in the water, to see the splash," Jordan said.

Selectman Amy Chapman suggested installing a wire mesh over the rocks.

Krauss said he would look into that option.

When and if the plan is approved by the selectmen, it will be put out to bid.

Jordan asked if the project was something the town Highway Department could handle, but Road Foreman Alan Seames said: "It's too big for us."

The town, he said, does not have the heavy crane necessary to handle such large culverts.

Krauss also noted that when an outside contractor does the job: "They have to be insured to have the [culvert] sections. So if they pick a piece up — which does happen — and it cracks, or they set it down just wrong and it cracks, they'd be responsible for replacing it."

Timing

The selectmen discussed bringing the entire project to voters at this year's Town Meeting, but after further discussion Thursday evening with the town Budget Committee, decided to split the cost into two requests, to be offered at annual meetings this year and next.

If voters agree to go ahead with the project, Johnny's Bridge would be out of commission (both by land and water) for up to three months, with the work scheduled around DEP's July 15 to Oct. window for in-stream work, Krauss said.

CBDG

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that site, and then the divers ... will come in and remove them."

"There are hopes this will generate some income for the Lakes Association," Sparks said: "that they can take this technology and train other lakes associations across the state and country on how to use this stuff."

Indirectly, perhaps, but according to the draft letter's project description, the town-sponsored $47,000 would actually go toward providing scholarships for low- and moderate-income students to attend the Bryant Pond camp, to underwriting school lunches and supporting organizational development.

"The relevant section of the letter reads as follows: "The CBDG funds will directly support 100% LMI community adults and youth independently through scholarships, and will support Maine school based programs with free and reduced lunch rates between 51-75%.

"The funds are critical as the Lake Association project is new and developing capacity.

"The CBDG funds will only support new [emphasis in original] scholarships which will allow community members and youth from local communities and schools to experience our science-based milfoil eradication program and allow for a year in time to plan and collaborate for future funding and capacity.'

Sparks said later that her description of what the CDBG funds would be spent for was based on discussion with Oxford County Extension Educator Susan Jennings, a senior administrator at the Bryant Pond camp.

Told that the money appears to be aimed more at scholarships, lunches and organizational development, she replied: "Oh, that's not good ... I'd rather build robots."

Nancy Willard, president of the local Community Lakes Association, contacted Wednesday, said she was unsure where the $36,000 listed as coming from the CLA was intended to be spent.

"Salaries and equipment, I think," Willard said.

Jennings, who drafted the Letter of Intent, said the $36,000 listed as coming from the CLA, and $50,200 from the 4-H camp were from already existing grants targeting milfoil eradication.

The overall intent of the $137,000 application, Jennings said, "is basically funding to support the training of people in lake monitoring and working on milfoil eradication."

If the Letter of Intent is accepted by the state Block Grant Program, and the application approved to move forward, a public hearing on the application will be scheduled.

Teamwork

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THE THS NORDIC TEAM—Front: Matthew Keane, Supatach (Ja) Vadhanachai, Adam Mahar. Middle: Ben Lewis, Rick Aguilar, James Piccirillo. Back: Casey Kellner.

the hundreds of volunteers and support staff."

John, now a Marine, first went to the Special Olympics during the winter of his third-grade year. "My very first memory was the skating and karaoke on the very first night. Every year the game wardens watch over the ice rink making sure that nobody gets hurt out on the ice, or getting on and off of it. I remember how much fun the Olympians were having out on the ice and getting to see the game wardens."

His favorite job, he said, was working in the kitchen and dining room." Our jobs are simply to make sure everything food related gets made and where it needs to be at the correct time," he said. "The reason I love the job so much is knowing that even though I work behind the scenes, I play a very important role in the running of one of the noblest sporting events I have ever encountered. "

Ben, now a junior at Telstar, began going to Sugarloaf in the second grade. "I wasn't needed in the kitchen, so my father asked me if I wanted to help him with the sit-ski. My job was to ski in front of the sit-skiers so they could see where the course went," he remembers.

One year, Norm couldn't go.

"John and Ben went without me," their father said.

Adding teammates

When the boys reached high school, they joined the Telstar Nordic ski team.

"Three years ago John and Ben asked if I would take the entire ski team," said Lewis. "Blaine Holding (the game warden from Stratton) and his wife Bonnie, who had always let my sons and I stay with them during the Special Olympics, agreed to house the team. The team worked hard, had a great time, and a new tradition was born."

This year, the team began asking Lewis about Special Olympics plans early in the fall. The event was scheduled for Jan. 30 through Feb. 1.

But the Holdings said that because of increased interest in volunteering among young game wardens, the couple would have to provide housing for them. They wouldn't have enough room to also house the team.

The Special Olympics management then stepped in, and initially arranged housing at donated condominiums, where the Olympians themselves stay.

During the second week of January, however, Lewis learned there were more Special Olympians than there was housing at Sugarloaf, and there was no room for the Rebels. "I passed the word on to the team that I didn't think we would be able to make it this year," he said.

"But they were not willing to take 'no' for an answer. At the last minute I located housing in Coplin Plantation, about 15 miles from Sugarloaf. The problem was, it would cost each of us $20 a night. I told the kids and they each said, 'No problem, we want to go.' So we went."

The six boys set tables, served food, helped fit dozens of Olympians for ice skates, helped with snowshoeing and did many other tasks.

"I'm impressed with the care and thoughtfulness they have," said Norm. "In my profession I get to witness the less admirable side of people way too often, and to see these young people give of themselves to others, without asking for anything in return, is rewarding for me."

Junior skier Matthew Keane described his motivation for lending a hand. "I help out at the Special Olympics because [the competitors] deserve it as much as we do. Though it may be a much smaller scale than the actual Olympics, they shouldn't be deprived of the goal they may have."

Junior Adam Mahar is also a member of the team.

"It's great to be able to interact with the athletes and be a part of their lives, at least for a couple of days," he said. "Many of the athletes look forward to it all year, and we were happy to be able to help. I hope to return again next year."

For Ben, the overall reward "is seeing the excitement on the athletes' faces and knowing that I help make this happen for them. The athletes make me want to come back, because I would feel like I would let them down if I didn't go, even though someone else would do the jobs that I do even if I wasn't there. I still feel I need to do what I can to help."

As for John: "I will continue to go to the Special Olympics as long as they let me because there is no other place where you can find that kind of sportsmanship, and just plain joy. I have never met a group of happier people, and being a part of it is very fulfilling."

The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I hope everyone had a happy Valentine's Day. It's a sweet day for the sweethearts.

I happened to go into one of the big box stores on Valentine's Day and witnessed firsthand how sweet it is, or at least from my perspective how amusing it can be. I also witnessed how much money can be spent to show your sweetie how much he or she is loved.

It was around 4:30 in the afternoon and the store was absolutely packed with men roaming around looking dazed, frantic and confused. I decided to call them the Zero Hour Boys.

Though I had no valid reason to go near the card and candy sections I elbowed my way in anyway just to observe the goings-on. I have to say that there didn't seem to be a lot of loving looks on the Zero Hour Boys' faces on the day of Love.

I don't mean to make this a battle of the sexes, but the truth is that women do shop a whole lot differently than men. The absence of women, other than yours truly in these aisles was evidence that most women had already done their Valentine's Day shopping rather than waiting until the very last minute.

When women select a Valentine's card usually days before the big day they usually take quite a bit of time reading the verses in search of the perfect message. The message must truly reflect her feelings for her man and what their relationship means to her. In other words, it must be a verse right from her heart.

The men, or at least these Zero Hour Boys were just grabbing cards willy nilly without even reading the verse inside.

Two guys, obviously buddies, grabbed a couple of cards and headed for the candy section. One of them looked at the front of the card and said to his pal, "I have to get a different card. This one says to my wife and she's only my girlfriend."

I decided to call them the Zero Hour Boys.

This caused the other guy to take a second and look at his card to which he proclaimed, "I'm safe, this says to my sweetheart, so I can give it to my wife or my girlfriend." Isn't love grand?

Many of the men were buying flowers too, which I think is very sweet, but again, they were not doing it quite the same way a woman would.

Okay, I admit, women don't usually get flowers for their honeys, but if they did they would spend some time looking them over. There would be some thought put into what the different types of flowers mean or maybe pick something associated with a special memory.

Women would look the bouquets over to make sure the flowers were fresh with no brown petals or wilted stems. The flowers would need to be as perfect as the verse on the card.

For the Zero Hour Boys it was just grab the first bouquet they came to. Getting flowers for their sweetie is, as I said, sweet, but if they're half dead it's not going to score a lot of points.

Then there were the heart shaped boxes of chocolates. Some of these were very pretty covered in velvet and adorned with pretty bows. There was everything from little heart-shaped boxes with just a few chocolates to great giant-sized, heart-shaped boxes with pounds of chocolates.

The Zero Hour Boys were actually pushing and shoving to grab the biggest heart shaped box. I think the male concept of bigger is better was at work here, at least until they saw the prices.

One man gasped when he turned the box over and saw the sticker and said, now this is the actual quote, "I don't love her that much!" He put the box back and took a much smaller one. Some of the other men chuckled, but I noticed that a few of them followed suit and selected something a little less costly.

The bottom line is that zero hour or not, these guys got something for their sweeties for Valentine's Day. It really doesn't matter if the verse on the card wasn't a heartfelt selection or if there was a wilted flower or two in the bouquet, they took the time to think about their sweetie and the way I see it, that is just so gosh darn sweet.

Super Crossword

SWAN SONGS

ACROSS
1 Like the Kalahari
5 Jungle birds
11 Mythical monster
14 RN's specialty
17 Actress Rowlands
18 Lawrence's locale
19 Chanteuse Edith
21 Queens stadium
22 Grace Kelly's final film
24 Money drawer
25 Semester
26 Fred's sister
27 Ultimate
28 Capri, for one
29 Cabell or Slaughter
30 Native Peruvian
33 Blood component
36 Off course
38 Jean Harlow's final film
42 Tabula —
43 Button part
44 Assist
45 Director Craven
46 Chasm
48 TV's "Boy — World"
51 Rubbish
54 Less demanding
57 Take a taxi
60 Short swim
61 — Aviv
63 School grp.
64 Yearbook features
66 When Strasbourg sizzles
67 Nags subtly
70 Actor Tognazzi
72 Redolence
73 Adams or McClurg
74 Vocalized
75 Vivien Leigh's final film
78 Mild oath
79 Press
80 Amos or Spelling
81 Nourished
82 Actor McGavin
84 12 doz.
85 Texas city
87 Mack or Knight
89 Wahine's neckwear
90 Sneeze and wheeze
91 "— o'clock scholar"
95 With 116 Down, "Touched by an Angel" star
99 Singer Helen
101 Israeli diplomat
103 Mink's coat
105 Waterston or Wanamaker
106 Let out the lava
109 Eye part
111 Peter Lorre's final film
114 Ambush man
115 Cpl. Walter O'Reilly
117 Director Nicolas
118 Ballyhoo
119 "Green —" ('90 film)
121 Swell place?
123 Wise guys
127 Piccadilly figure
128 Eager
129 John Wayne's final film
132 Navel store?
133 Verne captain
134 Spring holiday
135 Loathe
136 Paw part
137 Fall behind
138 Answer for an admiral
139 From the top

DOWN
1 Turkish title
2 Tim of "Simon & Simon"
3 "Picnic" playwright
4 Showy flower
5 — jacket
6 Geometry term
7 First base man?
8 Helps a hood
9 Shrivel up
10 Utter
11 Best
12 Journalist Jacob
13 "La Divina"
14 Gary Cooper's final film
15 Artist Neiman
16 Machine parts
20 Meat on the bones
21 "Tristram Shandy" author
23 Dispatched
31 Bull's beloved
32 '58 Pulitzer winner
34 Fury
35 Seize
37 Subdues Simba
38 HS exam
39 Word on a pump
40 Nutritional abbr.
41 PDQ, politely
47 Tolkien character
49 Renaissance painter
50 Velocity
52 Play ground?
53 Spell
55 "— Cupid" ('58 hit)
56 Othello's ensign
58 "— you so!"
59 — fin
62 Rice's vampire
65 Like a cobra
67 Dreiser's "Sister —"
68 Henry Fonda's final film
69 Musical Dinah
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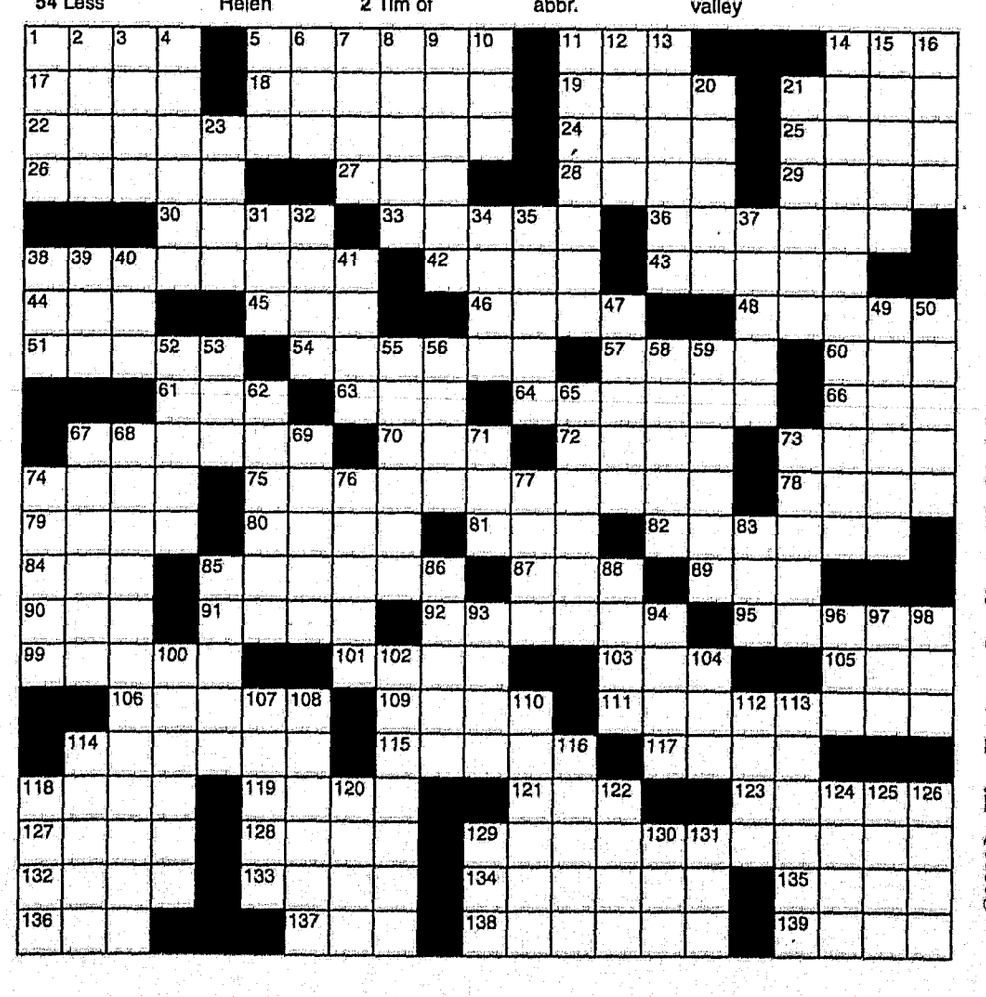

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Sunday River Outdoor Center partners with alpine resort

By ALISON ALOISIO

A cross-country ski center in Newry has come under the umbrella of Sunday River Ski Resort this season.

The "Outdoor Center at Sunday River" features some familiar people and activities, as well as new faces and things to do. And the marriage of cross-country and alpine venues allows skiers to switch seamlessly between the two several times a day, according to new manager Carol Bourque of Gilead.

The Skiway leases the center from Steve and Peggy Wight, who operated it for decades as the Sunday River Inn and Cross-Country Ski Center.

"The Wights had such a good reputation. We're nurturing that clientele," said Bourque.

Although the inn no longer operates, guests may still ski and snowshoe on the trails, rent and purchase equipment in the shop, and eat in the café.

Many long-time Nordic skiers will recognize instructor Susan Isham, as well as groomers Eric Souther and Steve Simmons. And in the ski rental shop, alpine skiers will find a familiar face in Mark Hiebert.

Also familiar to those in the Bethel area is new ski school director Leslie Bancroft Krichko, a former Nordic Olympian and native of South Paris.

Brand-new faces include X-C instructor Greg Marchand, a former coach at Lyndon State College in Vermont, and John Hicinbothem, of Foothills Grille & Catering Co. in Bethel, who provides the food for the cafe.

The most visible addition at the center is a dogsled, 18 dogs and mushers Krister Raasoch and Chase Tingle from Nature's Kennel Sled Dog Adventures, based in Michigan.

An eight-dog team offers 30-minute rides around the perimeter of the ski trails on weekends, holidays and vacation weeks. Some of the dogs have experience running in Alaska's famous Iditarod race, and all are friendly, said Bourque. "They love kids, and they love to be patted," she said.

The dogsled rides, arranged by appointment, have been booked this vacation week, she said.

Two-way tickets

The center's proximity to the alpine resort allows recreationists to shuttle back and forth during the day. The Mountain Explorer passes by every half hour, and the Skiway shuttle bus also makes regular trips. Tickets purchased for alpine use can be exchanged for a trail pass at the center the same day, and even switched back again. The option provides an alternative on days when skiers may not wish to be on the mountain, she said.

Community connections

In addition to its business offerings, the center is participating in many community-oriented activities this season, many of them carryovers from the Wight era.

On Saturday the center will host the 24th Annual American Lung Association Joy of Skiing, designed for skiers and snowshoers of all ages and skill levels who enjoy skiing groomed trails and eating along the way. Designated dining locations along the trails offer the participants a progressive picnic.

The center also provides on-snow activities for Maine Handicapped Skiing, and will field a team, "Nordic Chicks on Sticks," in the upcoming annual MHS Ski-a-Thon.

The Bethel Outing Club and the Bill Koch Racing League also hold activities and competitions at the center, and the Community Free Ski Days offered by the Skiway extend to the cross-country center.

For more on the center, go to www.sundayriver.com/eventsactivities/Outdoor_Center.html.

READY TO RUN

Musher Krister Raasoch (left) with Kar, and Chase Tingle with Chong. The lead dogs are Iditarod veterans. Each litter of dogs born is named according to a theme, the mushers said. Dogs at the center include Bradshaw, Lambert and Ham (football) and Harry Potter and Gimli (storybook characters). The dogs range in age from one and one-half years to eight. The older dogs are retired from racing and now are training the younger dogs. Krister and Chase have both been mushers for about five years.

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log:

Tuesday, Feb. 15

At 3:50 p.m. on Route 26 Cpl. Justin Brown stopped a vehicle for being uninspected. Nigel V. Kreiton, 24, of Andover was arrested for operating after suspension.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

At 8:17 a.m. a caller on Mechanic Street asked to talk to a deputy regarding a theft that had taken place a few years ago. Cpl. Chancey Libby was assigned.

At 6:39 p.m. on the West Bethel Road Cpl. Justin Brown arrested Christie A. Castillo, 35, of Bethel on an outstanding court warrant for failure to pay fines.

At 6:43 p.m. a caller on Main Street reported someone might be entering an apartment during the night time. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

Thursday, Feb. 17

At 6:40 a.m. a report was received that the railroad crossing lights on Main Street activated with no trains in sight. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

At 5:11 p.m. on Mason Street Deputies Dennis Ryder and George Cayer arrested Scott D. Dalitzky, 50, of Bethel for DV assault.

Friday, Feb. 18

At 7:23 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to the Intervale Road for a one-vehicle accident with no injuries.

At 2:10 p.m. a report was received of a vehicle on the Mayville Road possibly being operated by an intoxicated person. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 6:53 p.m. Deputies Dennis Ryder and Matt Noyes investigated a report of a juvenile runaway on Mayville Road. The subject was located and a welfare check conducted. The Department of Health and Human Services was contacted.

At 11:17 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to a report of a loud noise on Main Street. On arrival the suspect had fled. It appeared after investigation that there is an ongoing trespass being committed.

Saturday, Feb. 19

At 3:27 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis and Capt. Hart Daley responded to Route 2/Route 26 for a snowmobile accident.

At 10:29 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to Route 2 for a report of a vehicle traveling at high rates of speed and passing unsafely. The vehicle could not be located.

Sunday, Feb. 20

At 9:02 a.m. on Route 26 Deputy George Cayer arrested Ashrif Jm Abdelrihim, 20, of Oakland and Jacob A. Sincyr, 20, of Anson for possession of marijuana.

At 9:45 p.m. on the Flat Road Ian R. Wheeler turned himself in to Sgt. Matt Baker on an outstanding arrest warrant for failure to pay fines.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

Snowshoeing conditions were ideal this past week. Although I have found excellent places to snowshoe in Bethel, I'm trying other sites in Oxford County. This week I snowshoed the Roberts Farm Preserve in Norway. The preserve is a conservation and recreation project of the Western Foothills Land Trust.

This former dairy farm has 165 acres of wooded land, with remnants of pastures, stone walls, and orchards. There are groomed trails for hikers, snowshoers, dog walkers, and Nordic skiers. In the summer trails are also available for equestrians and cyclists. It took me about an hour to snowshoe the Shavey Noyes trail.

The trail is kid- and dog-friendly, with most of the trail winding through gently sloping wooded sections of the preserve. There are a few hills toward the end of the trail, along with a beautiful view of Lake Pennesseewassee. Roberts Farm Preserve is located on Roberts Road off Route 118 in Norway. Trail maps can be downloaded from the Western Foothills Land Trust website at www.wfltmaine.org.

If you are interested in guided snowshoe tours, the Androscoggin Riverlands State Park is offering a series of free guided snowshoe hikes in February and March. The park is located on Center Bridge Road in Turner, just north of Lewiston-Auburn. On Feb. 26, Mike Auger of the Androscoggin Lane Trust will lead a hike showing vegetation in the park and how it helps feed and shelter an-

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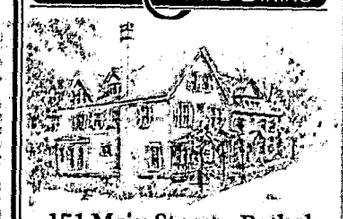

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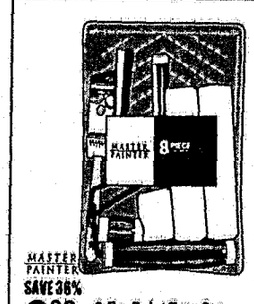

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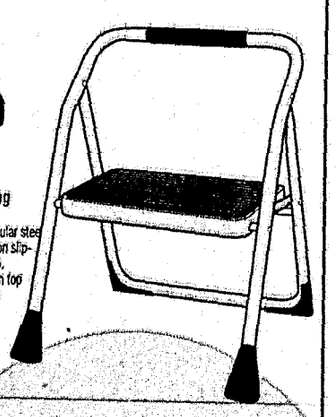

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Woodstock Residents

The Woodstock Conservation Commission has been working on an Open Space Plan for the Town of Woodstock. This is a follow-up to the Comprehensive Plan that was approved in 2003.

Public Meetings on this plan will be held at the Woodstock Town Office on

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imals. On March 12, biologist Joe Wiley of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, will lead a hike focused on showing how animals survive in the winter. This park was created in 2009 and is Maine's newest state park. The guided tours are designed to introduce people to the trails and beautiful terrain of the 2,500 acre park. The guided hikes are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will meet at the park entrance on Center Bridge Road at 10 a.m. If you have a group that's coming or need snowshoes, call Laura Keating at (207) 557-0352.

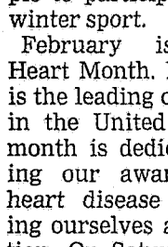
I was sad to see the collapse of the Ice Tower. I enjoyed watching it grow, not just in height and beauty, but also in the hearts of Bethel residents. The ice-climbing demonstrations that were scheduled for this week would have been a great opportunity to encourage young people to participate in a new winter sport.

February is American Heart Month. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. This month is dedicated to raising our awareness about heart disease and educating ourselves about prevention. On Saturday, Feb. 26, from 8 a.m. to noon, Rumford Hospital will host their annual "Heart to Heart" conference. The conference includes speakers on heart disease risks, preparing heart healthy foods, and life-style changes that can minimize heart disease risk. The conference is free to the public. Participants need to preregister by calling Jane Bubar at 369-1143.

Do you have news that you'd like to share? Please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

West Bethel

By LORRIE HOEH



Last week the Maine Middle School Nordic Ski Meet took place on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Black Mountain and on Saturday, Feb. 19, at Lost Valley. Aiden Clarke, skiing for Gould, came in first in Wednesday's skate race, but shared honors with Andrew Siegel who was part of the Telstar Middle School team. Right behind Andrew was Caleb Clarke, followed by Mitch Lehman and Marcus Wentworth in the top ten; and not far along were Shuyler Leff and Brandon Stearns, as well as Liam Gallagher and Greg Wheeler.

LINDA GREENLAW AT MILL HILL INN
Linda Greenlaw, America's only female swordfishing captain and author of seven best-selling books, was featured Friday at the Western Mountains Senior College Down Home Maine program. She held a story-telling session at the Gould Academy McLaughlin Trustees Auditorium, followed by a book-signing and dinner at the Mill Hill Inn. Greenlaw was included in the book, "The Perfect Storm," where author Sebastian Junger called her "one of the best captains on the entire east coast." Her latest book, "Seaworthy: a Swordfish Boat Captain Returns to the Sea," follows three New York Times best-selling books about life as a commercial fisherman: "The Hungry Ocean" (1999), "The Lobster Chronicles" (2002), and "All Fishermen are Liars" (2004). She is the winner of the U.S. Maritime Literature Award in 2003, and the New England Book Award for nonfiction in 2004. She has also written two mysteries, "Slipknot" (2007) and "Fisherman's Bend" (2008). On Friday evening, it was Greenlaw's cookbooks that were featured at the Mill Hill Inn, as she helped prepare the night's dinner. "Recipes from a Very Small Island" (2005) was co-authored with her mother, Martha Greenlaw, and noted by Time Magazine as a "must-have cookbook." Before Friday's dinner at the Mill Hill Inn, a book-signing took place. She is pictured here (left) with Bethel residents Jeri and Jerry Greenwell. Greenlaw is featured in the Discovery Channel series "Swords: Life on the Line" and has appeared on Good Morning America, Today, CBS Sunday Morning, The Martha Stewart Show, and National Public Radio.

We had house guests over the weekend. Our daughter, Kate Griffin, her husband and younger son came up from Boston to enjoy the x-c skiing and swimming at the Bethel Inn. We had a lovely visit with them. On Sunday evening we were joined for dinner by Martha, Kirk, and Andrew Siegel. Molly had left that day for a winter campout as part of the Gould Four Points program, so she missed the spaghetti dinner and hot fudge sundae dessert.

The skiing on Sunday at the Inn was lovely, with a sparkling blue sky, crisp air, and great trail conditions. There seemed to be quite a few folks enjoying both skiing and snowshoeing. At one point I passed Leslie Bancroft Krichko, a former Olympian, skiing in the opposite direction, and we passed each other so quickly that while she immediately said, "Hi Lorrie," I didn't even have time to retrieve her name. Hi, Leslie!

Reading Richard Grover's account of his recent trip to Hawaii, I was reminded of thirteen years ago when Mike and I spent two weeks in our fiftieth state. Mike had spent his overseas duty during the Korean War as part of an Army Security Agency detachment on Oahu. His outfit had put together a week-long reunion on Oahu in the spring of 1998, so we decided to join them. We stayed an extra week on our own, spending most of our time on the "Big Island," Hawaii.

While with the ASA gang we toured many interesting places. What stands out most in my memory was a tour of the memorial museum of the USS Arizona, one of the first ships sunk by the Japanese in the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. I didn't expect to be so emotionally affected by what I saw and learned there. When I looked into the water and saw oil still bubbling up from the remains of the sunken ship and recalled my seven-year-old fears of being bombed in Cleveland, Ohio, I was moved to tears at the thought of all the lives lost in that war, both in the Pacific and Atlantic theaters. Sadly, it wasn't the end of wars, and I wonder if mankind will ever learn to love one another.

We had brought along our 3-year-old granddaughter's dog puppet, named "Puppy," for a vacation trip (for Mom's benefit, so she had a break from hauling him out every day). We'd been given throw-away cameras by the Army unit, so I used that to film the "Puppy Chronicles" for our granddaughter's benefit. We took photos of Puppy in snorkel gear; posing with the group; boarding the tour bus; sitting on the edge of a volcano caldera; sitting on a fence too close to a steep gully; and various other places. Although Amalia had been reluctant to let Puppy go on the trip, she thoroughly enjoyed sharing his album with any and all visitors when he returned.

Our week on the Big Island was very enjoyable, starting with the wonderful B and B we stayed in, Rainbow Plantation, in Kealakokua. We snorkeled in nearby Kealakokua Bay, where there was a statue to Captain James Cook, who was slain in that location by angry natives. We snorkeled at several other venues on the island as well. We drove the perimeter of the island in our rental car, and of course we, too, visited Volcanoes National Park. We climbed to the caldera on Mount Kilauea and also saw several scary-looking vents. We were told that every so often someone gets too close to one, falls in, and it's curtains. Needless to say, we kept our distance.

Another highlight of our stay on Hawaii was an afternoon fishing charter. We landed three beautiful ono, two of which we gave to the crew for an island wedding, and the third, which they filleted for us, we took back to Rainbow Plantation to share with our hosts and other guests. A very satisfying day!

While there we took a day flight to the island of Kauai, where we had a fantastic bus tour and saw the "grand canyon of the Pacific," not to mention a romantic grotto in the jungle, where we were serenaded by the native tour guides in honor of our 42nd wedding anniversary. On that day and throughout the trip we ate wonderful food and plenty of fresh native fruit, and drank the excellent Kona coffee, grown right there in Hawaii. It was truly a paradise. I'd go again in a New York minute, finances permitting.

Some of my readers have commented that they enjoyed reading Jake's column. He was quite pleased when I told him, and he is hoping that his canine friends in West Bethel will get in touch and give him more ideas for what to write when he has another opportunity to fill in. He can be reached at my e-mail or phone: dhoeh@megalink.net; 824-2917. Aloha!

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

Although Mother Nature is still playing her game with us, we Mainers know how to take it and have fun despite it all. I find it difficult right now on how to begin to put it in writing to prove it. So, let's just jump right in.

Tonya Hebert Lewis and her friend Eloise Rose Lewis spent last Saturday in Boston to watch "Mary Poppins." Tonya filled me in on some of the details of their trip. She said that "Mary Poppins" and Boston were amazing! She got to take her first train ride, had her first experience at Quincy Market, got to go to Cheers for lunch, the Hard Rock Cafe for dinner, and saw an amazing version of Broadway's Across America Mary Poppins! It was a very much appreciated Christmas gift from her mother-in-law Ellie.

Cyndy Olson also shared some exciting news. On Sunday, Karl flew to Anchorage, Alaska, to meet Kane. Kane received a permit in a lottery as part of a herd control program to hunt a musk ox. On Tuesday they will fly to Nunivak Island for the hunt. If successful, the boys intend to leave part of the meat with village elders as a gesture of respect and appreciation. We all wish them good hunting and are looking forward to hear how it all went.

Now it is time again for the answer to the last Trivia question. It was Agnes Haines, Mildred Jackson, and Nancy Mercer who were commended for their help working on the Second Edition of the East Bethel book.

The "cabin fever buster" is a great success and here are the responses so far as

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to what folks perceive as the first sign of spring: "Red Sox report for Spring training," "the mud puddles," "when the sun shines in my garage and I can go sit in the sun and feel the warmth of it," "the first black fly -- the state bird, hahaha," "when you see smelting nets in every pickup truck," "watching the news almanac of how many hours/minutes of daylight and the Red Sox are in training," and "the ground starts thawing and the smell of mud is in the air." I just love all these answers. So, please, do keep them coming. Call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@mega-link.net.

Seeing how baseball is mentioned twice, here is a quote from Ernie Banks concerning sportsmanship: "The only way to prove that you're a good sport is to lose." This also reminds me that pretty soon we should hear from Neil again about sign-ups for the Maine Blackflies.

Think spring!

Upton

By LAURIE BROWN

Thursdays seem to be the most popular morning for folks to meet at the Upton House for coffee and socializing; although, Charlotte says, visitors also take advantage of Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Recently, a couple from Massachusetts who were in the area to ski at Sunday River, stayed at the inn because the fare is more economical than it is in the Bethel area. They didn't mind the drive to the mountain, especially after seeing a moose in Grafton Notch.

Although the skating part of the party had to be canceled because the ice wasn't safe, Carol said the last of the many, many folks who enjoyed the bonfire, the food, the socializing, and sliding down Barnes Road were there until the wee hours of the morning. Once again, the annual party was a huge success -- no wonder, really, with such gracious hosts.

Last week Charlie went through the ice on his pond when he was readying it for skating. Thankfully, both he and his machine, which I think Ed Bennett pulled out with his tractor, are fine!

There are a lot of books at the Ladies Aid Building free for the taking. The only rule is if you take them, you own them. Call Carol, Nancy or Charlotte if you want to check them out. Or, even better, go in for Sunday breakfast and get some then.

On my way to work last Thursday, I thought I'd hit a humongous pothole in Newry, but the thump and clunk was actually my rim hitting the ground as my tire went flying across the road into the snowbank. That was an experience I don't ever want to go through again! After Bob came and took me to work, he found that the lug nuts had all come off, but everything else on the Jeep was fine. My guardian angel prevented me from rolling over and prevented expensive repairs to the Jeep.

Penny and I are both waiting (not very patiently) for the third book in a series by Stieg Larsson. Penny got the first two, "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" and "The Girl who Played with Fire" from the Maine State Library. There's a long waiting list for the third book.

My daughter-in-law, Amy Bergeron, enjoyed the baby shower hosted by Elise Furlong and me on Saturday.

I like having street lights at the intersection of Back Street and Route 26 and East B Hill and Route 26!

Have a wonderful week! Call me at 533-2111 or e-mail me at lauriebrown400@gmail.com if you have news to share.

Selah

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

It seems good to have several days without a snow storm. It looks like it might be clear for a few days. We talked to our son, Chris, who is in St. Cloud, Minn., and he said they were getting ready for a big snowstorm out there.

I am looking forward to having a few days off from work, since February vacation is here. I enjoy the break as much as the children. I finished off the Spring Adult and Community Education brochure at the end of last week and it should be out in the mail soon. The next thing is to get the courses up on the website: sad44.maineadulted.org

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by the house Saturday and we were discussing the train station that the Gilead Historical Society recently moved onto the corner lot. The GHS is working on getting a sturdy and leak-proof roof on the building soon.

Lise McLain went to Berlin, N.H., this past week for a doctor's appointment. She also went to visit her father, Gerard Dupont, in Ledgeview. He is doing well.

Hugh and I were at the Bethel Historical Society at the end of last week. Bob and Judy Bishop from Yarmouth were also there. We had a chance to catch up on some GHS news and to visit with Randy Bennett and Stan Howe.

Last Saturday evening, Hugh and I went out to dinner with Norm Buttrick and Cathy McGuire. We went to one of our favorite places, and also theirs, Mr. Pizza in Gorham, N.H. Norm and Hugh wanted to celebrate wrapping up the North Road Archaeological Survey. Norm delivered copies of the completed report. Norm did a great job compiling all the information and putting it into a spiral bound booklet. This report will be a great research item for the future. The project was made possible with a grant from the Davis Foundation.

LOOKING FOR WEDDING VOTES—Woodstock native Amanda Jordan and her fiancé, Adam Ames, are competing to win a $100,000 wedding in Freeport. The three couples who garner the most votes will be judged by a panel in April, and the winner will be chosen. Voting will take place into March, and individuals may vote once a day. For more information and to cast a vote, go to www.realmaineweddings.com.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, spent last Sunday with us. We met Tim at Moe's in Gorham and picked her up for the afternoon. After lunch, we watched television and played a few games. It was too cold to go outside. Tim came and picked her up after he got out of work.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU

Did you miss me? I wish to extend my most sincere apologies for my having been so delinquent regarding my column. I got so wrapped up with my daughter's wax museum project last week that I lost track of what day of the week it even was.

The end result was truly worth it though. The entire fifth-grade class individually chose a famous person from history to research and ultimately portray in an exhibit that filled the halls of Crescent Park School. Kaiya chose Annie Oakley. We spent several weeks learning about Miss Oakley, from her early days shooting the heads off squirrels to her later years when she taught young women how to fire a riffle. I relished Kaiya's enthusiasm.

The Wax Museum was on display for all of the student body to enjoy; the halls were filled with not only students but many parents as well. There was so much interest shown that it was decided to open the museum to the public, friends and family last Thursday night. Monetary donations were asked at the door but not required. All money received that night was to support the fundraising efforts for the Fifth Grade's Boston Field Trip this spring. The kids were thrilled that they had a hand in helping to raise money themselves. She was a hit and I believe that it was an incredible learning experience for them all.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club held it's annual Herb Kittredge Memorial Ride this past Saturday followed by their Landowner Appreciation Dinner. There were only seven participants to show up for the ride but there were no complaints from any of them on the trail conditions. They made a loop up through Grafton, stopping off for lunch at the Bull Moose and returning home via Andover. The dinner following the ride had a meager turn out -- just 40 or 50 people. It was not as well attended as in past years but perhaps the weather wasn't in their favor. Two eight-pound lobsters were raffled off in addition to the 50/50 raffle, the winner of which graciously donated the winnings back to the club members. This has been a good year for snowmobiling, plenty of snow and sunshine. The great trail conditions are due not only to the weather but to the club members who graciously donate their time grooming in the evenings. Special thanks from countless riders who truly appreciate the time and effort involved in keeping up the trails, to Brad Wight, Ed Powers and especially to "Trail Master" Leon Dunn, who is such an intricate part of the club. My apologies to anyone whom I've left out -- hats off to you too.

Our son Samuel turned 7 recently. He was born on his Papa Corriveau's 65th birthday- quite a gift, huh? At Sam's request, we celebrated his special day with homemade pizza, cake & ice cream & his Grampa! One day he may decide to have his own party but in the mean time we all enjoy the togetherness.

Thirty-four years ago on February 19th, the Newry Community Church was opened, heated, and decorated for a wedding. The isles were filled with friends and loved ones of the bride and groom, my future parents. They share their special day with Raymond and Rhonda Buker, who several years later, chose the same day on which to join their lives. All our love and congratulations to Randy and Audrey, Bunk and Rhonda. God bless you for willingly putting up with each other all these years!

The Ladies of the Newry Town Office wish to remind those of you who have trailers registered that February is "Re-Reg Month" Be sure to check your registration expiration dates. Not all registration's expire in February but none the less- don't let March 1st sneak up on you!

February vacation is here and nearly gone, leaving us one step closer to spring. I would like to see some more snow though, before it is all said and done. There is still much snowshoeing to be done, woods to explore and sliding hills to be conquered. Get out and enjoy our beautiful winter wonderland! Have a wonderful week -- newsworthy news or not, feel free to contact me-sabcart@gmail.com or the good 'ole fashioned way 824-0836. Blessings!

Andover

By MELINDA AVERILL

Hello Andover friends.

This coming Saturday, Feb. 26, the Snow-Valley Sno Goers will be hosting a Family Fun Day. It will be held at their clubhouse off of South Main Street, from 10 a.m until 2 p.m. Bring your sleds and enjoy a fun day out with the family. The club will be serving a free hot dog lunch.

The fifth-grade class at Andover School will be having a bottle drive on Saturday, March 5. If you would like somebody to pick up your returnables before then, call the school to make arrangements, or you may drop them off on the school porch at any time.

The Andover elementary school is in need of donations of kids cross-country skis, boots, and poles. They have 18 kids who signed up for their after-school ski program, and don't have ample equipment. If you can help out with any donations it would be greatly appreciated.

Cheerful, feel better wishes to Andover friends Fred Allen, Janet Field and Leon Simmons.

A belated happy 13th birthday to Cheryl Ann Thurston. Celebrating a birthday this week are Sarah Chase on the 24th, and Jeremy Putnam on the 29th.

Don't forget the annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 19.

Enjoy the weekend!

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER

Good going, Keith Crockett-Harrington! Keith performed community service in Hanover. Last Wednesday he shoveled a path to the propane tank at Gardner Roberts Memorial Library so fuel could be delivered.

The Board of Select Persons met Feb. 15 for their monthly meeting. The Board set Saturday, April 2, from 9 to 10 a.m. for the annual Assessors meeting. That meeting provides property owners a chance to meet with assessors to discuss valuations. The Board also addressed several road issues including the annual posting of roads due to spring break-up.

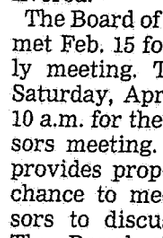
School winter vacation is now nearly over. Hopefully young folks have been outside getting fresh air. We have seen snowshoe and ski tracks. Often snowmobiles can be heard traveling through the swamp.

Coyotes howl during the nighttime not very far away. Keep an eye on the younger children. One Hanover woman was quite surprised to find a weasel living under her living room couch.

The D.A. Wilson crew removed the great heap of snow that blocked the intersection of Howard Pond Road and Main Street last Friday. For a while only one car at a time could get past the pile of snow. It is much safer now and the visibility has been greatly improved.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Winter returns. It is cold and windy today as it was this past weekend. Tasha and I have not done too much walking because of the wind and ice. We started out on Saturday and the stiff winds and the icy road (our road doesn't

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get sanded) turned me back. Tasha was sliding all over the road and I did the same. Since then, I have not walked too much. Perhaps today it will be a little warmer. To get the paper in the morning, I have carried sand with me to sand in front of me so I have at least a chance of not slipping. That is walking with the stabilizers on. Without them, I had not a chance of staying upright. Spring will be here soon. That is my current mantra.

I heard that the winds were so stiff and the warmer weather last week combined to topple the ice tower in Bethel. Too bad, I looked forward to seeing it in its finest. I have to hand it to Jim and the others who are willing to take a chance on structures like that.

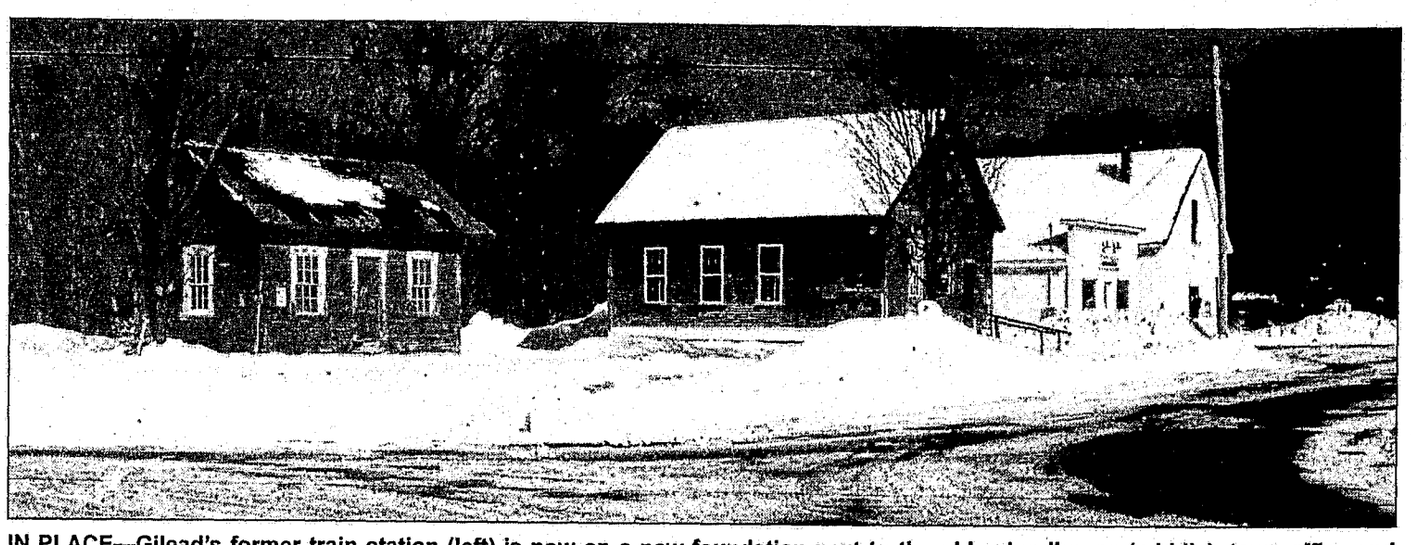
It is vacation week. We have heard more snowmobiles than usual to date. Tasha looks out and says I'm staying here where it is warm. She does go out for short periods of time these cold days. I have someone check on her if we are gone and then she can be in or out. It is the first winter I've worried about her being out in the cold. She does love her coat.

Winter Fest continues in Harrison. If you can brave the cold there are all sorts of events on Crystal Lake. This weekend, to put us in a spring plating mood, the farm fair will be held at Fare Share Market. Co-hosted by the Fare Share and Harvest Moon Produce and sponsored by MOFGA. The fair is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. FMI call 743-9044.

Thursday, the 24th, the ACA will meet at Waterford Library. Check next week to make sure the library is open, as the final renovations may make it necessary for them to close. They are shoring up the second floor so it stays there and doesn't land on the first floor.

Waterford Congregational Church has a new pastor. Kim Marie, who was a temporary minister there has become the new minister. FMI call 583-6381 or 925-2526.

That is all for this week. Stay warm and be careful in the ice and snow.



IN PLACE—Gilead's former train station (left) is now on a new foundation next to the old schoolhouse (middle), town office and town hall. The station was moved to Auburn years ago, where it served as an office building, and was recently moved back to town through efforts of the Gilead Historical Society. The schoolhouse moved to this location last year from its former site next to Route 2, when improvements to the highway required the building be relocated. The two buildings sit on the former McLain family lot, which was donated to the GHS. The society plans restoration work on the structures.

Albany

By SHEILA DYKE

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. We hope everyone is keeping warm out there. At least we have sunshine. Of course, the sunshine can trick us into thinking that it's much nicer outside than it actually is, but I'd rather have that than gloom. Of course, seems like everywhere I go now folks are talking about how nice it would be for winter to be over. I completely agree. This winter was tough on a lot of folks, and I think it's about time for it to be over!

Things have been quiet, which is nice. The occasional snowmobile goes through, but otherwise, it has been quite peaceful.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

On Saturday, Feb. 12, Alice and Kenneth Hoyt hosted a belated Christmas party with her sister and family. Present were Kenneth and Alice Hoyt, Beth, Steve and Marybeth Hoover; JoAnn, David, Sharon and Ray Crockett; James, Charlene and Joseph Hoyt; Joe's friend, Kelsey; Robert Hoyt; Leatrice and John Chase; Althea and Robert Stevens; Keith Stevens and daughter, Ashlyn; Jenny's two boys, Garrett and Simon; Richard, Teresa, and Hunter Chase and Hunter's friend, Joey; and Andrew Chase. After dinner a Yankee Swap of gifts was held. Everyone seemed to have a good time and it was nice to have some little ones present.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW met at Alice Hoyt's on Monday, Feb. 14, for a regular meeting with eight people present. Vicky Myers filled in as chaplain. Vicky Myers and Bessie House were installed -- Vicky as senior vice president and Bessie as historian and council member number 2 by Pres. Michelle Cary. Elsie Bonney reported that a letter about the monument enlargement will be in the town report.

Anyone wishing to donate to this project may send it to Alice Hoyt, P.O. Box 105, Bryant Pond, ME 04219. A Spring Fever Bingo will be held by the American Legion for the monument fund on Friday, April 8. The DUCVW will put on the April senior citizens dinner. Michelle reported she delivered valentines to the Veterans Home in South Paris. It was discussed to raise the dues in 2012. Twenty-three calls were reported. Vicky Myers received the mystery package. Jane Wardwell reported as gaining. Next meeting March 14 at Alice's.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. March 5 is youth activity at 4 p.m. March 12 is men's prayer breakfast at the fellowship hall at 7 a.m. Pie contest date to be announced.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet March 3 at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris. Dinner by Ledgeview Association and program by Cubby Swan about Hobos. New members always welcome. Meeting starts at 11:30 a.m.

Clubs and organizations:

Maine 4-H Tech Wizards Project planned

Volunteers Needed

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension has received funding to implement the National 4-H Tech Wizards Program.

The mission of 4-H Tech Wizards-Maine is to engage students' ages 8-17 in small group mentoring programs focusing on the use of technology.

This program puts special emphasis on service learning, fulfilling community needs focusing on conservation projects. Tech Wizards will be held both in classrooms and after school, encouraging students to gain knowledge in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) related fields.

Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning center will be hosting Tech Wizards and is partnering with many of our local schools.

In the Telstar District, Tech Wizards programs will be happening in Marie Keane's Crescent Park 5th grade classroom, Tonya Prentice's Woodstock 5th grade classroom, and in the Mahoosuc Kids After School Program at Telstar High School. In the Oxford Hills District programs will be conducted in all three of the Paris Elementary School 5th grade classrooms and at the Oxford Hills Middle School for a select group of students.

The staff at Bryant Pond is looking for community volunteers to serve as Mentors for the Tech Wizards program. Mentors will work with small groups of youth, helping Bryant Pond staff teach Tech Wizards curriculum. This year's projects include building underwater robots to help in the eradication of Variable Leaf Milfoil (an invasive aquatic plant) in Bryant Pond and other lakes in our area, and documenting this process by digital photography and film making. Mentors with skills in digital photography and film, basic electronics and experience working with youth are needed. Training will be provided for the right individuals.

For more information call: Lyndsey Smith, Lakeside Classroom Coordinator at 665-2507 or email at lyndsey.smith@maine.edu.

Bucks for bunks

Excitement is in the air at the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp. Our new Lakeside Lodge is starting to take shape, as is the first of our three-season cabins. With all the construction happening, we've turned our attention to the needs of the inside of the buildings. With a small donation, you can be a part of this exciting new addition to our programs.

Dynamy program returns

The winter camping Worcester, Mass.-based Dynamy program returned this winter with 11 young adults to participate in a week- long winter adventure program. They learned winter camping and survival skills, and then went snowshoeing and camping in the White Mountains.

Lakeside Lodge construction continues

Construction of our new 4-season classroom and lodging facility continues through the winter. The roof is currently under construction .

We are still looking for a donor to name the building.

Junior Maine Guide scholarships available

Thanks to a generous donation from our Conservation Partner, ll bean logo, we have scholarship funds available for our Junior Maine Guide program. These will go fast so call us for details, 665-2068.

Vote for Bryant Pond

Bangor Savings Bank has recently launched their 2011 Community Matters More Campaign. They will be giving away a total of $100,000 to 68 local nonprofit organizations. We at the Bryant Pond 4-H Community would appreciate your vote toward this campaign. Please take a moment to visit our webside and vote for us. Once you have entered your name and address scroll down to the Western region and in the write-in section type Bryant Pond 4-H Camp. Online voting ends March 7.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF TAKING

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation of the State of Maine on the twenty-fourth day of April 2007 (Part II) and on the eighth day of April 2009 (Part V) A.D., acting under the provisions of Title 23 M.R.S.A. Sections 651 and 151 to 159, determined that public exigency required the laying out and construction of a portion of State Highway "25" in the Towns of Bethel and Gilead, and the taking for public use in connection therewith of certain lands and rights in land as set forth in Notices of Layout and Taking recorded May 22, 2007 (Part II) and May 18, 2009 (Part V) in the Registry of Deeds of Oxford County (Eastern District) in Book 4135, Page 339 (Part II) and Book 4441, Page 184 (Part V), and as shown on a Right of Way Map, State Highway "25", Federal Aid Project No. NH-9184(00)E, PIN: 009184.00, Towns of Bethel and Gilead, dated February 2004 (Part II) and June 2008 (Part V), on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, (D.O.T. File No. 9-325), to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds of Oxford County (Eastern District), and

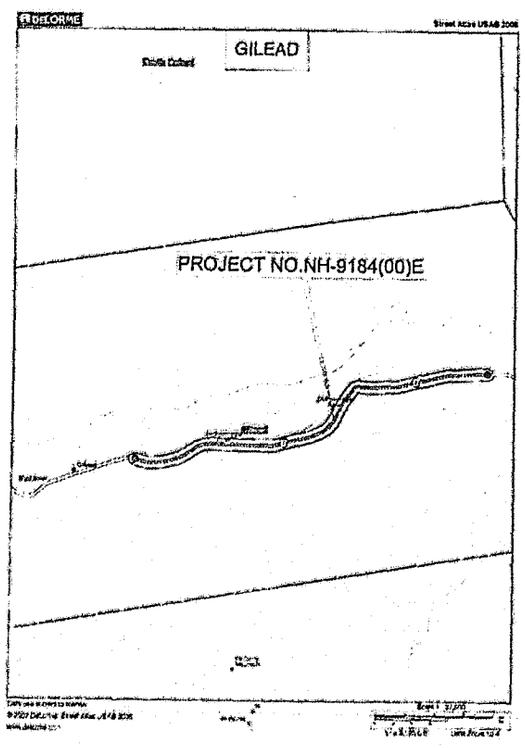
WHEREAS conditions arising during the process of construction require that certain changes be made in the design and construction of said highway not originally contemplated;

NOW THEREFORE, the said Department of Transportation, hereby determines that public exigency requires the taking for public use of the following rights in land as shown on the Right of Way Map above referred to.

INFORMATIVE SUMMARY

The following is a list summarizing the parcel or item numbers, names of apparent owners of record of land and rights involved, estimated areas, and rights affected, within and adjacent to the before-referenced highway boundaries, as shown on the beforementioned right-of-way map:

Parcel No. Item No.	Apparent Owner	Area	Slopes	Drainage	Temp. Const. Rights	Other Rights, Misc. & Bldgs.
100	Bayroot LLC	None	Yes	None	None	None
230	Thomas Roberti Susan L. Roberti Robert C. Daniels Noel L. Daniels	None	Yes	None	None	None
240	Weston C. Knightly	None	Yes	None	None	None



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The Department of Transportation directs that this Supplemental Notice of Taking be recorded in the Registry of Deeds of Oxford County (Eastern District) and filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Gilead and with the County Commissioners of Oxford County and published in "The Bethel Citizen", a newspaper published in the County where said highway is located, and also directs that a copy of the Right-of-Way Map be filed with the County Commissioners of said County and also that Notice be sent by Certified Mail to any Owners and Mortgagees of Record.

DATED at Augusta, Maine

12-8-2010

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
David A. Cole, Commissioner

STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF KENNEBEC

Date: 12-8-2010

Personally appeared the above named David A. Cole, Commissioner, Department of Transportation, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed in his said capacity and the free act and deed of the State of Maine.

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Nonprofit collaborative hires facilitator

The Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative (BANC) achieved a large stride ahead in its development this month by hiring a network facilitator. Jessie Seymour Perkins will serve to enhance and build meaningful connections among Greater Bethel Area nonprofit organizations by facilitating collaboration through activities, communications, fundraising and much more.

She is an alum of Dartmouth College and a Maine native with roots in the Bethel area.She brings to BANC several years of working with nonprofit outreach programs, including traveling thousands of miles back and forth across Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York with the Northern Forest Center's mobile museum, Ways of the Woods. Most recently, she has organized the Androscoggin River Watershed Council's Source to the Sea Trek. She also has a background in marketing and communications and enjoys putting it to work for nonprofits. She lives in Bethel with her husband Gabe Perkins, and together they partake in skiing, hiking, gardening, and renovating their old house.

In her capacity as network facilitator, Perkins will create and strengthen links among the Bethel area's nonprofit community by facilitating and formalizing BANC's strategic planning; expanding opportunities for collaborative ventures; enhancing existing, and developing new internal and external communications among the BANC network and other area nonprofits; securing funding to ensure BANC's sustainability; and engaging the public in BANC's efforts through public forums, traditional and social media, and volunteerism.

The position is funded by Environmental Funders Network to support "Quality of Place" goals which will allow BANC to take important steps forward in its mission of helping area nonprofits enhance organizational efficiency, expand fundraising opportunities, strengthen impact in the community, improve ability to meet organizational mission and build trust and capacity in the community.

Among her first priorities is to create a BANC website which will feature BANC member organizations, a community calendar which can be accessed and edited by BANC members, a discussion forum, a new e-mail address for BANC and much more.

For more information contact Perkins at: (207) 754-8158 or write to jessie.s.perkins@gmail.com

BANC organizations and other local nonprofits welcome Jessie Seymour Perkins into her new position as Facilitator. From Left: Zach Lehman, Gould Academy; Landon Fake, Mahoosuc Trails; Julie Hart, Mahoosuc Kids Association; Cathy Newell, District Exchange/Maine Adult Education; Perkins; BANC Co-Chair Steve Wight, Mahoosuc Land Trust; BANC Co-Chair Nancy Davis, Bethel Historical Society; BANC Secretary Aranka Matolcsy, Mahoosuc Arts Council; Bonnie Pooley, Western Mountains Senior College/Mahoosuc Land Trust; Jeannie Waite, SAD 44; BANC Treasurer Robin Zinchuk, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

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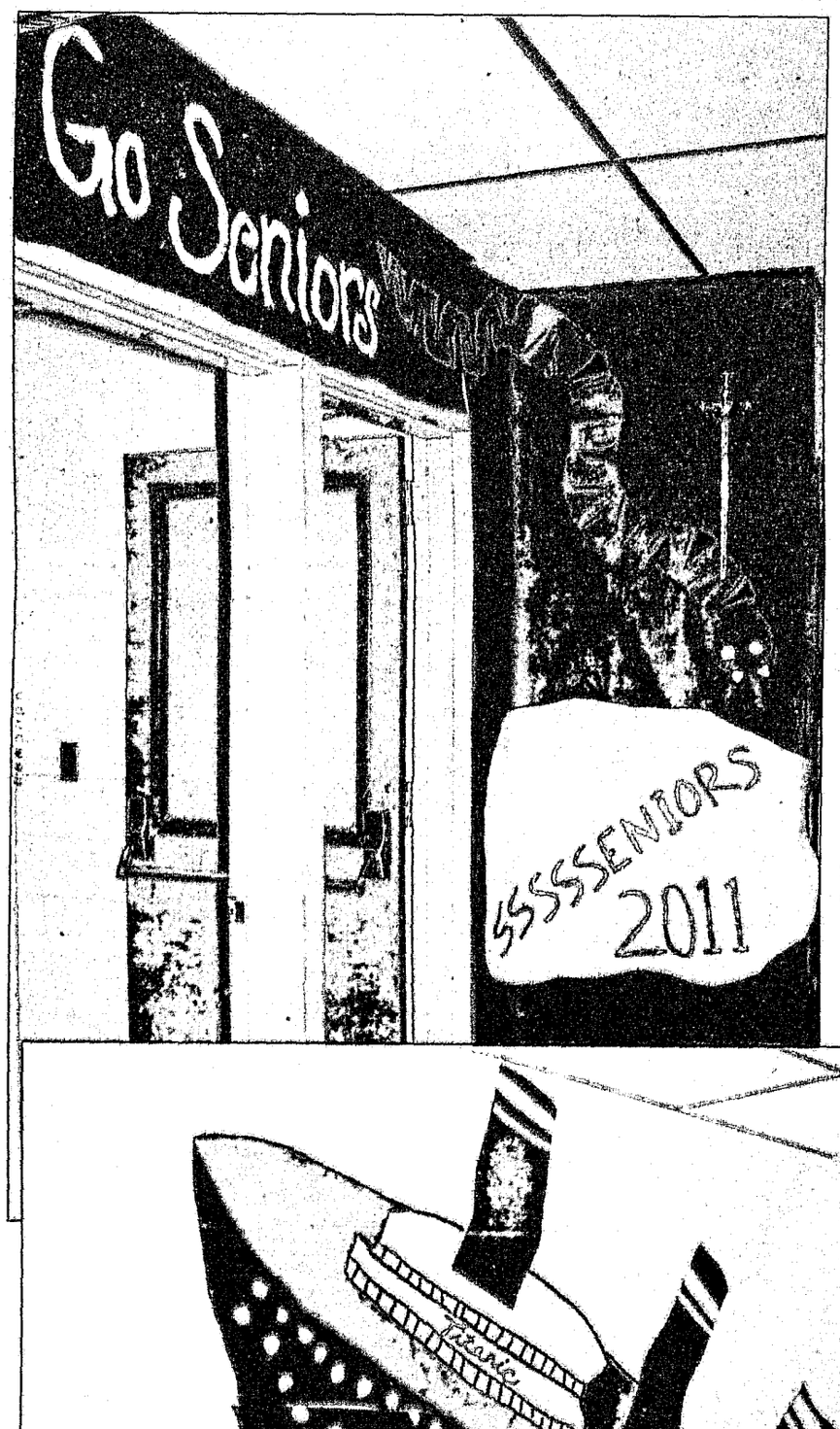

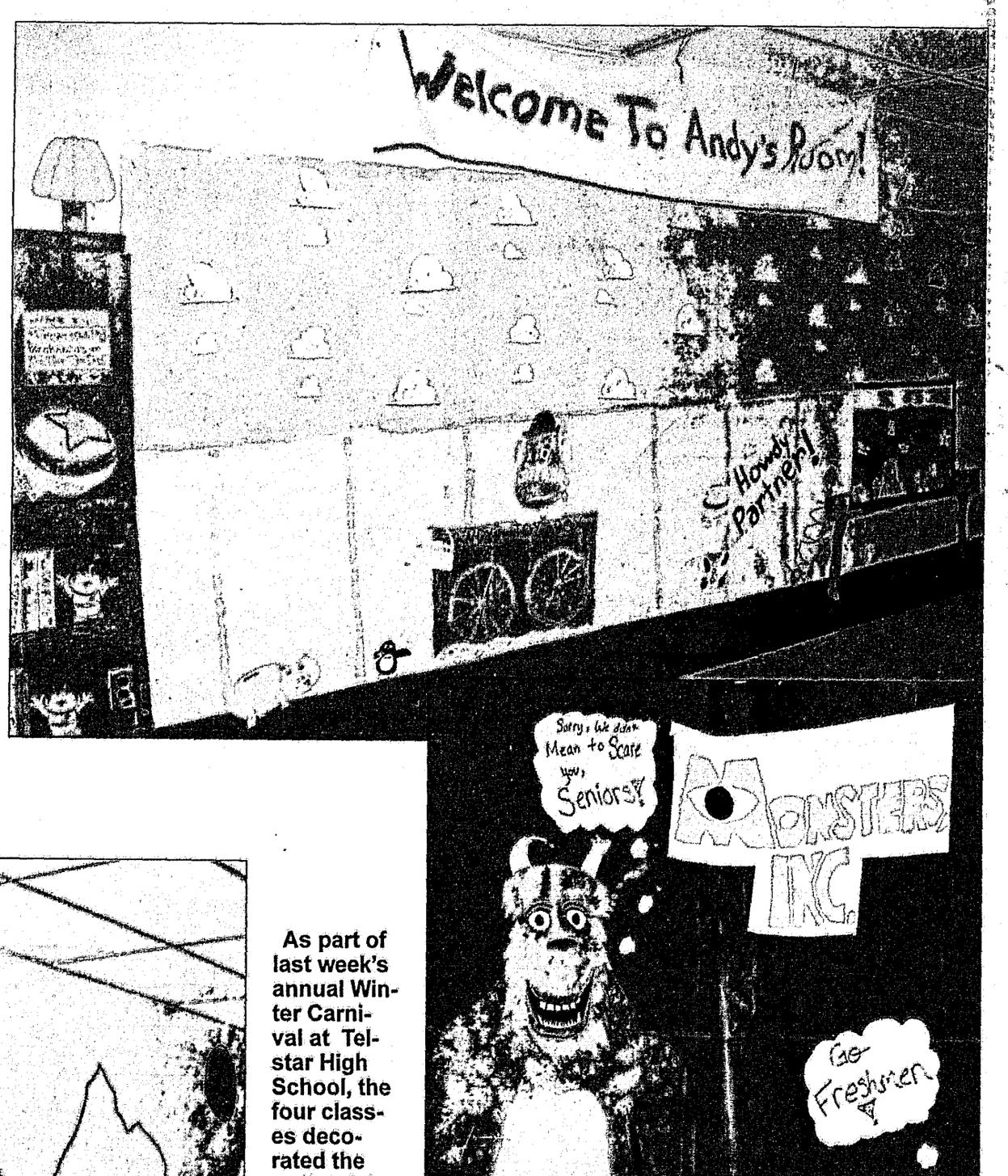

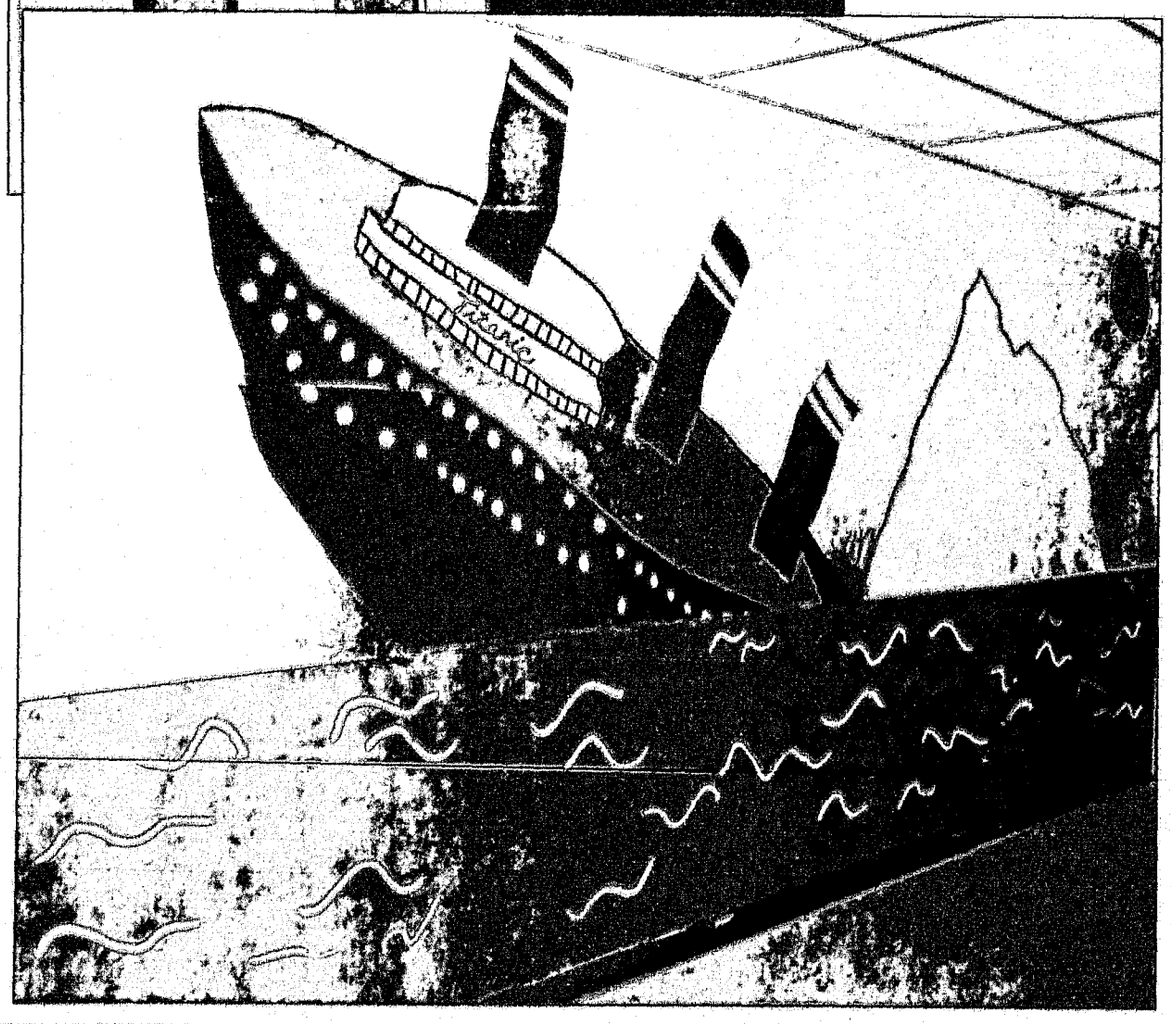

As part of last week's annual Winter Carnival at Telstar High School, the four classes decorated the walls of the school's hallways with art representing movie themes that included Harry Potter, Toy Story, and Titanic.

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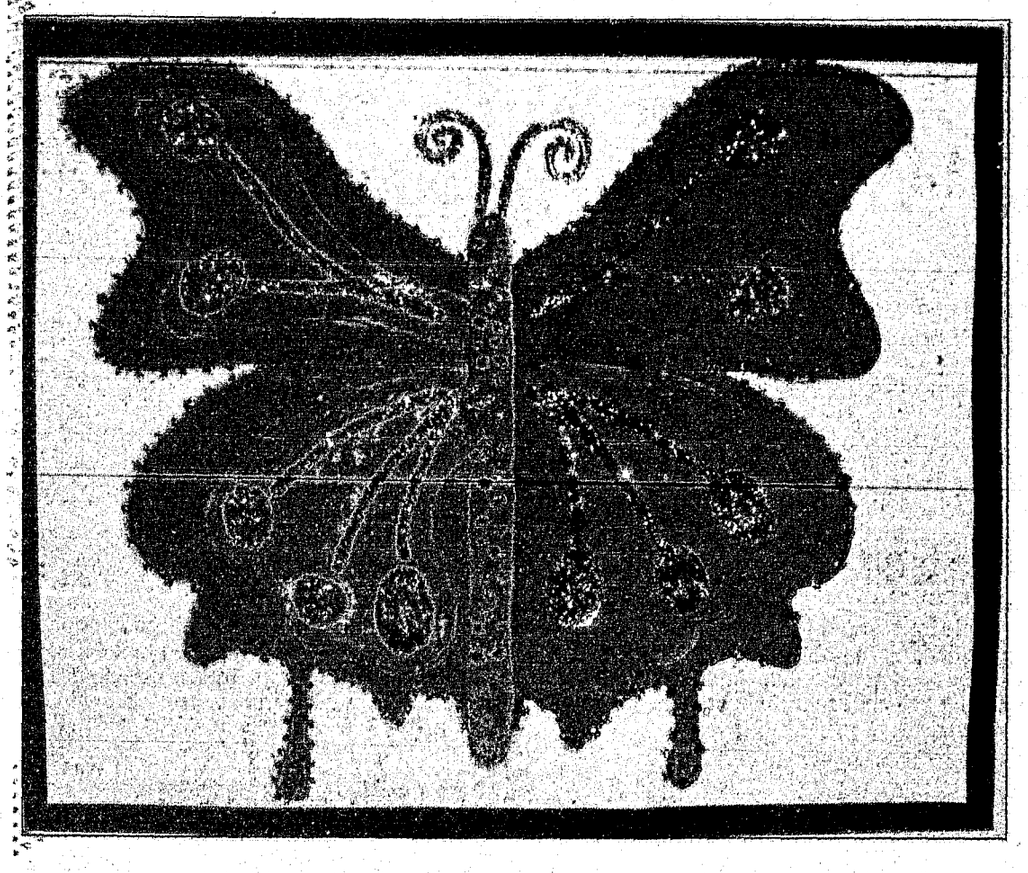
Art across generations

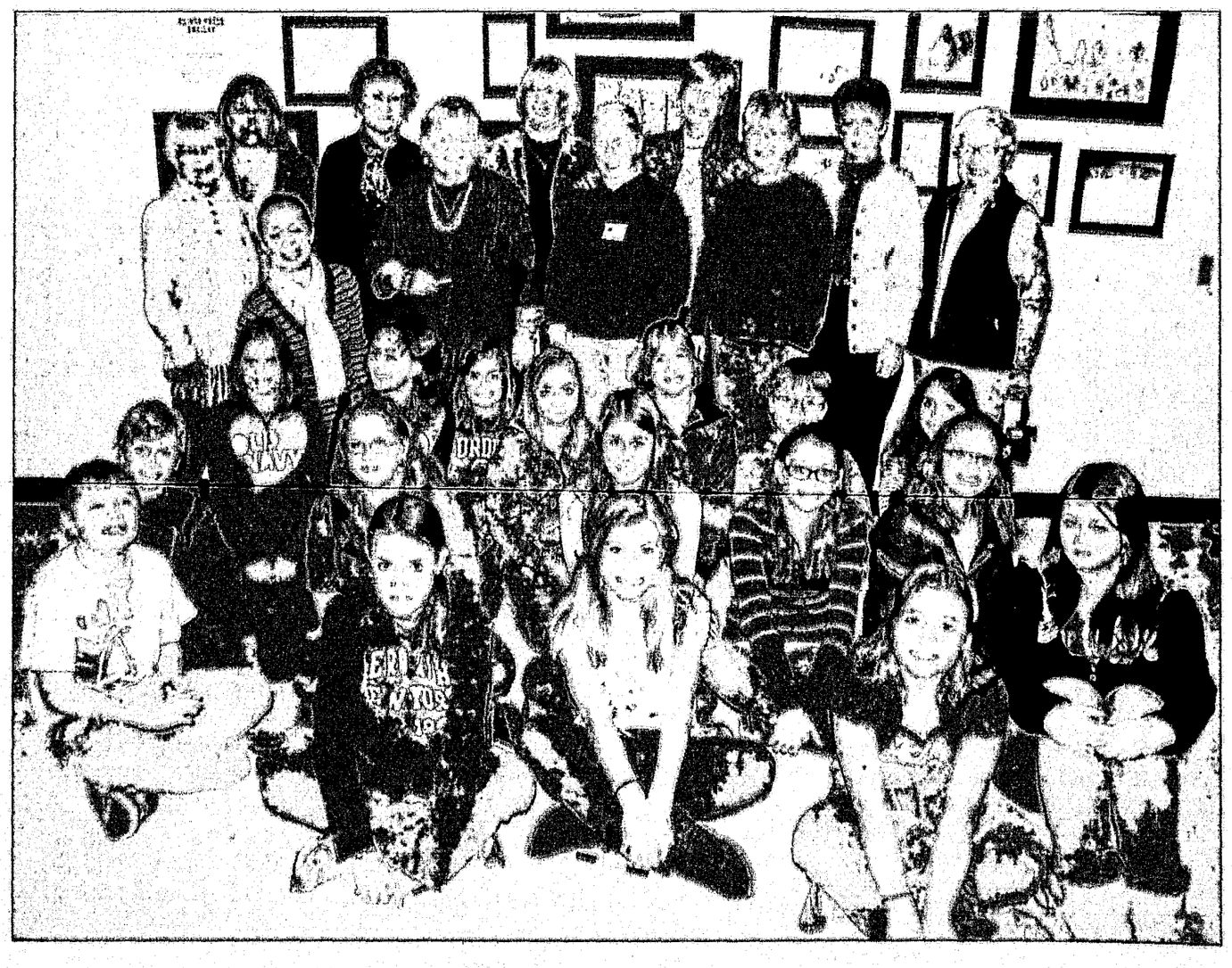


A Western Mountains Senior College art class teamed up with Telstar Middle School Advanced Art Class students to create artwork that was put on display last week at TMS. Each artist created half a piece of two-dimensional art, then turned it over to someone from the other generation to finish. The artists met each other last Thursday and decided on titles for their work. Immediately above: Judy Huber and Grace Connors collaborated on "Life Within the Tree." Grace created the colorful tree, then Judy took lines within it to bring out images of faces. Other photos, clockwise, from top left: "Beauty on the Fly," by Crystelle Head and Huber; Rachael Goldberg and Bonnie Pooley (foreground, in blue) discuss a title for their work (they came up with "The Fairy Celebration"), with fairies by Bonnie intermingled with leaves by Rachael; artists study each other's work; a description of the project by TMS art teacher Melissa Prescott, author of the project; the two art classes; "The Lonesome Tree" by Jackie Van Leuven and Shelty Levesque; "Spring" by Willis Steven and Suzanne Taylor (Taylor was the instructor for the WMSC class). *(Photos: A. Aloisio)*

NATURE TRADE PROJECT

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN
THE TMS ADVANCED ART CLASS
AND
THE WESTERN MOUNTAINS SENIOR COLLEGE
DRAWING AND PAINTING CLASS
SUPPORTED BY S.A.D. #52
ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

The same directions were given to the students in the TMS Advanced Art Class and the students in the WMSC Drawing and Painting Class: "Create an original two-dimensional artwork inspired by nature, but only finish it halfway." After both groups had completed this first step, they traded projects and finished each other's work. Finally, these two groups met together to title their artworks, prepare this display, and celebrate their accomplishments. All the artworks in this exhibit are the result of this creative collaboration.



Sports

High School Boys' Alpine Skiing

Telstar Slalom Feb. 17— Oxford Hills 16, Telstar 28, Mt. Abram 36. Winning time: 1:01.25. Telstar racers: 5. Cody Boivin 1:05.49; 6. Josh Head 1:10.36; 7. Tyler James 1:13.22; 10. Anthony Dirago 1:22.79.

High School Girls' Alpine Skiing

Telstar Slalom Feb. 17— Oxford Hills 21, Mt. Abram 33, Telstar 42. Winning time: 1:02.7. Telstar racers: 2. Morgan Lee 1:03.05; 10. Rose Wright 1:31.52.

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Western Class C playoffs: Traip 65, Telstar 63; Feb. 16— Telstar scorers: Elek Pew 9; Danny Whitney 8; Dan Vaughn 17; T.J. O'Connor 5; Ben Field 11; Corey Howard 11; Dominic Haines 2.

TMS Boys' Cross-country Skiing

State Class A Championships at Black Mt.; Feb. 15—Telstar raced against 13 different teams and scored 1st. They beat the following teams: Maranacook, FAST, Mtn Valley, Spruce, Oxford Hills, Auburn, SAST, Tripp, Winthrop, Dirigo, Riverside Riders, and SANC. Individual scores: Andrew Siegel 2nd/9:25; Caleb Clarke 3rd/9:31; Mitch Lehman 7th/10:00.8; Marcus Wentworth 11th/10:38; Schuyler Leff 22nd/12:04; Brendon Stearns 27th/12:2;5 Greg Wheeler 36th/13:32 ; Liam Gallagher45th/14:20.— Coach Steve Keane

TMS Girls' Cross-country Skiing

State Class A Championships at Black Mt.; Feb. 15—Telstar competed in the first leg of the State A Championships in alpine and nordic skiing. The girls raced against a field of 11 teams, scoring 3rd place. They outscored Oxford Hills, Auburn, Spruce, SAST, Winthrop, Tripp, Riverside Racers and SANC, and finished behind FAST and Maranacook. Individual scores: Rachael Goldberg 9th/11:39; Carla Boyle-Wight 10th/11:39.9; Gabby Stone 17th/12:15; Rose Goldberg 20th/12:29; Ani Inman 42nd/14:24; Livy Clarke 44th/14:35; Kaitlyn Brown46th/ 14:56. .— Coach Steve Keane

TMS Alpine Skiing

Feb. 16, Class A State GS meet @ Black Mt. –Telstar's Kim Drew led the girls' team with an impressive 3rd-place finish among eight teams. Shelby Cowin was only .3 seconds behind her in 4th with Maddie Simard right on their heels in 5th. Grace Connors took a pretty hard fall during her second run, so Kasmira Weinberg saved the team score by placing 29th. Brendon Stearns led the boys' team with a 12th place finish. George Connors finished in 13th. Greg Wheeler and Liam Gallagher rounded out the boys' team score. The team had a great time racing and cheering on their Nordic teammates later in the day. - Coach John Eliot

Feb. 19, Class A State Slalom @ Lost Valley – The league gathered for the last meet of the year. It was a rough day for the guys with multiple team members going down. George Connors put together the best time for the team placing in 15th. Brendon Stearns helped the team coming in 18th. Both Liam Gallagher and Zach Stone finished with decent times. It was Grace Connor's turn to lead the girls taking 2nd place. Maddie Simard came in 4th and Kim Drew finished in 8th. Shelby Cowin took a nasty fall, so it was Ayslinn Forbes who stepped it up for the team to keep them in it. At the awards ceremony, the girls' alpine team came home with a second place finish. The girls' alpine and Nordic combined also brought home a second place finish. This season has been a blast. Thanks to the team for having fun, working hard, and making it an awesome season.– Coach John Eliot

TELSTAR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH Telstar High School's January Students of the Month are upperclassman Daniel Whitney, and underclassman Tabitha Corriveau. The recognition is sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club. The students were honored at a recent Rotary meeting, and are shown here with Ellie Andrews, Rotary President Elect, and Dan Hart, Telstar principal. The students are chosen by THS staff members for their community service and academic growth and achievement.

Dean's list

AT R.I.T.

Thomas Conroy of Bethel was named to the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences dean's list for the fall quarter (2010-11) at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y.

Conroy earned a grade point average of 4.00.

College grads

Lindsay Luetje of Greenwood received Master of Business Administration degree through the Graduate and Professional Studies division at Saint Joseph's College, which offers online undergraduate and graduate education for working adults.

School Lunch

Week of Feb. 28
SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Popcorn chicken, baked Maine potato, orange glazed carrots, or pbj uncrustable.
Tuesday: Chicken patty/bun, Sunbutter and jelly, blueberries and yogurt.
Wednesday: Brunch for lunch. Pancakes/syrup, ham slices, hash brown, or Sunbutter and jelly, Dr. Seuss birthday cake
Thursday: Homemade shepherd's pie, wheat roll, green beans, or Sunbutter and jelly.
Friday: Hamburger/bun, cheese slice, steamed peas or Sunbutter and fluff.
Fruit and veggie bar daily (4 servings of fruit and vegetables).

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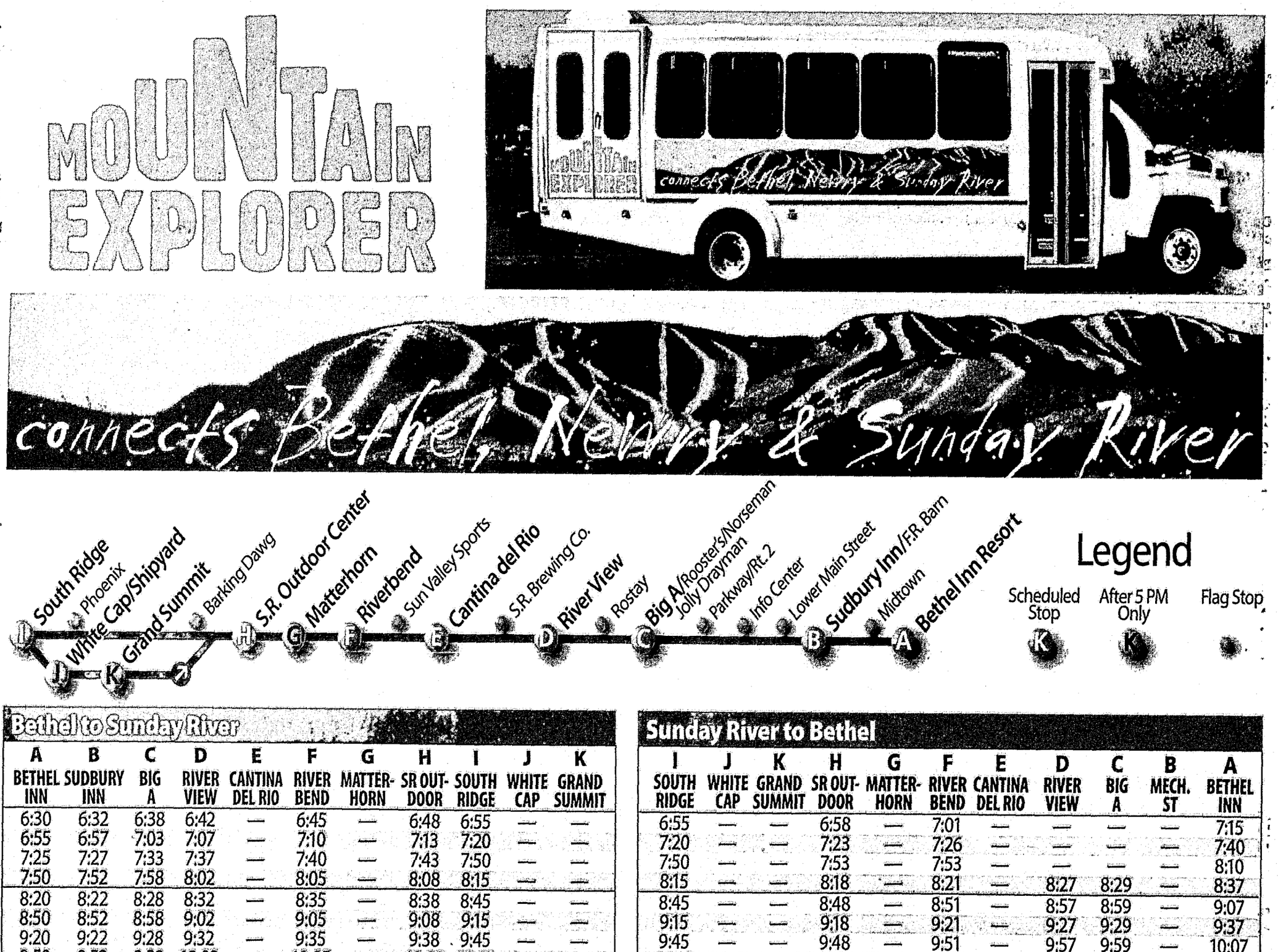

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Community Calendar

Indoor Winter Walking at Telstar Regional High School: Monday-Friday, 6:15-7:15 a.m. and 2:30-7 p.m.

Margaret Chase Smith Essay Contest open to Maine high school seniors. Due by April 1. To submit entries or FMI: David Richards, Margaret Chase Smith Library, 56 Norridgewock Avenue, Skowhegan, ME 04976 or phone 474-7133.

Thursday, Feb. 24

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Tues.) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Thurs.) - **Safe Sitter Class** at Harper Conference Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, for 11 to 13 year olds. Cost (for two-day class): $50. Scholarship ($15) available on request. FMI: 743-5933 Ext. 380. Online registration www.wmhcc.org.

Friday, Feb. 25

7 p.m. - **Open Mic Night** hosted by Vessel Recordings artist Heather Pierson at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up 6:30 p.m. $3 at door, refreshments available. FMI: (603) 733-6450 or e-mail heather@heatherpierson.com.

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25 and 26

7:30 p.m. - **"Jesus Christ Superstar"** by Hebron Academy Players takes place at Androscoggin Theater, Lepage Center for the Arts, Sargent Gymnasium. Free and open to public. Doors open 7 p.m. FMI: jmiddleton@hebronacademy.org.

Saturday, Feb. 26

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Yard Sale** at American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris., 50/50 tickets. Lunch counter open.

24th annual American Lung Association Joy of Skiing at Sunday River Outdoor Center, Newry, for skiers and snowshoers. Dine along the trail, a Progressive Picnic on trail to covered bridge. Pre-registration $6 or $7 day of event, ages 6 to 12 and seniors 65 and older $4, kids 5 and under and those 80 and older are free.

7 p.m. - **ARTirondack Chair Auction** to benefit Mahoosuc Arts Council. Ride Chondola to North Peak Lodge for one-of-a-kind dining experience and special auction. Cost: $79 p/p. Reservations required (824-5076) or call 824-3575 for phone bidding or more info. To view image of chairs:

February 26, March 26, April 9

Yard Sales - American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Tables, $10. each. Call Jean Britton 739-2236.

Sunday, Feb. 27

5:30 on - **2nd Annual Awards Dinner and Party** at Rooster's Roadhouse, Mayville, Bethel. Cost: $20 p/p will be donated to local charities.

Monday Feb. 28

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshops at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit

6:30 p.m. - **Waterford Library** bridge group (for location and more info call 583-2729 as library closed Feb. 28-March 6). No partner necessary.

February 28 thru March 6

Waterford Library will be closed for renovations.

Tuesday, March 1

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Mad Science at Grand Ballroom of Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: adults advance $6/door $8, 12 and under $4/$6, age 5 and under free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Tuesday, March 1 and 8

6 to 8 p.m. - **Introduction to Beekeeping** at U-Maine Cooperative Extension Oxford County, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Cost: $30. Pre-registration, fee, name, address required by March 1. FMI: Lesley Quick 743-6329 or e-mail mailtolesley.quick@maine.edu.

Thursday, March 3

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **"Raising a Healthy Child"** seminar at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building, Norway. Free. Registration required. FMI or to register: (866) 609-5182 or visit www.wmhcc.org.

Friday, March 4

Becky Shaw Ski Day at Black Mountain of Maine, Rumford. Proceeds from both regular lift tickets and "Becky tickets" to Rebecca Shaw Paraoptometric Education Fund. First year event at Black Mountain. Shaw died in a car accident in 2003.

11 a.m. - **World Day of Prayer** at Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church (snow date, Fri. March 11). Luncheon follows. Theme: "How Many Loaves Have You," a service written by women of Chile calls for us to share our gifts for the good of all. Anyone interested invited to join us for this Ecumenical Service.

Saturday, March 5

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **NRA Basic Pistol Course**, indoors at Lake Thompson Fish and Game, Oxford. $125 per student includes lunch, books, firearms, ammunition. FMI: 739-9774 or e-mail westernmainepropertyprotection@yahoo.com

5:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Republican Committee Lincoln Day Dinner** at Four Seasons Function Center, 187 Main Street, South Paris. Senator Olympia Snowe keynote speaker. Silent and live auction, band. Tickets: call Loretta Mikols (875-2229) or e-mail republic@earthlink.net or Wendy Turner (336-2817) or e-mail woodwitch1@yahoo.com.

Sunday, March 6

SAD 17 and RSU 10 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. $10 lift ticket/$10 rental/Adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

Monday, March 7

5:30 p.m. - **Potluck Supper/Newry Town Meeting** (7 p.m.) at Newry Grange Hall.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe** meets at Waterford Library. Topic for discussion: "The role of history in forming culture." FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us

Mondays, March 7 and 21

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu

Wednesday, March 9

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** potluck dinner/meeting at Bethel Methodist Church. Members to bring hot dish, salad or dessert. Also, members to bring items for the auction

Tuesday, March 15

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Healthcare Provider Re-Certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. FMI: Patty 672-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Wednesday, March 16

Rescheduled: **Lewiston/Auburn/Montreal Passenger Rail Feasibility Study** public meeting (originally Feb. 16) at Bethel Inn. (watch for updated time/place.)

Friday, March 18

7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** Local Knowledge 2010-11 presents **Bat Hibernation in Maine** with David Yates of Biodiversity Research Institute takes place at Rumford Public Library. FMI or inclement weather: 824-3806.

Saturday, March 19

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** moderate snowshoe through Maggie Ring Easement, bordering South Pond, Greenwood and climbing up to Peaked Mountain. Winter gear, hiking poles recommended. Bring lunch/water. Meeting in parking area on Greenwood Road. FMI: 824-3806 or mlt@mahoosuc.org

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents The Boston Bubble Guy at Grand Ballroom of Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: adults advance $6/door $8, 12 and under $4/$6, age 5 and under free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Sunday, March 20

7:30 to 11 a.m. - **All-You-Can-Eat Buffet** sponsored by Rotary Club of Bethel at Ordway Dining Hall, Gould Academy, Bethel. Tickets: adults $8, 12 and under $3. Tickets in advance $7, may be purchased from club members, The Inn at Rostay, River View Resort and Mt. Mann Jewelers. Proceeds benefit club's community projects and scholarships.

Thursday, March 24

SAD 44 White Cap Evening at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free Tubing Pass for evening.

Saturday, March 26

All Day – **Maine Garden Day**, sponsored by University of Maine Cooperative Extension at Lewiston High School, 156 East Avenue, Lewiston. 35 gardening workshops and trade show with plants, seeds and tools to purchase. Dealing limited (first come-first served). FMI and register: (800) 287-1482 or (207) 743- 6329 (out of state). Cost: $5 includes breakfast, lunch and all workshops.

Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26

Third annual Dumont Cup at Sunday River Ski Resort. $20,000 in cash/prizes. Amateurs ski with pros. Qualifiers: Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and determine top qualifiers sent to semi-finals Saturday. Registration: $100 includes life ticket (www.dumontcup.com). FMI: www.sundayriver.com. Event subject to change. Sponsored by Red Bull, Target, Oakley, Nike 6.0, Sunday River, Salomon, Toyota, Giro, PowerBar, Empire and Kicker.

Sunday, March 27

SAD 44 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket/free rental/free adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

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Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdaysof the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

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Organizations

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First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—**Meditation** and more with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café Di-Cocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.—**Story Hours** for children, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.— **TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—**Story Time for Children at Bethel Library** (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.—**Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — **Knitting Group** for all levels even those who want to learn, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—**Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

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Sundays: 2 to 4 p.m. Open House at **Finnish-American Heritage Center**, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Museum, gift shop, library open.

Norway/Paris

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Fridays 9:15 a.m.—**Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway.** For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

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Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

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District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4 pm, Thursday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

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Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

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Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

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Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

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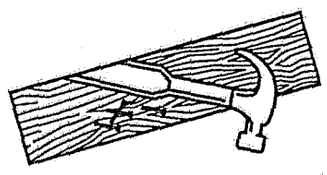

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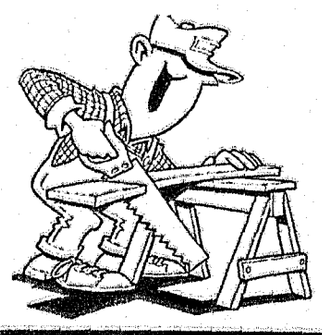

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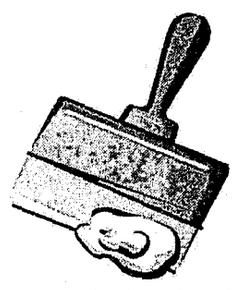

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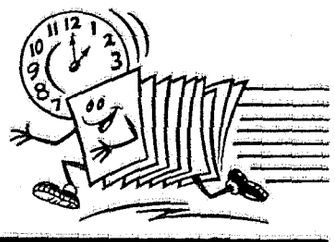

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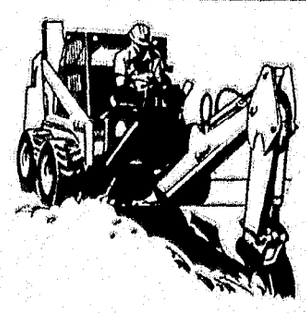

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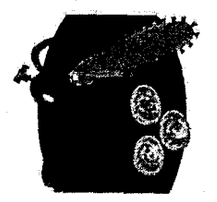

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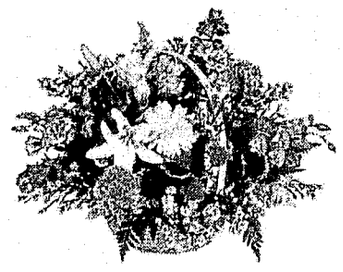

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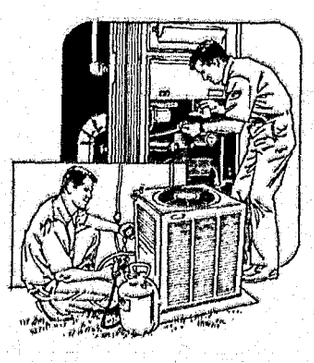

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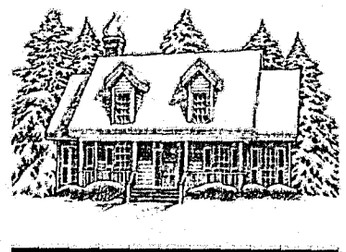

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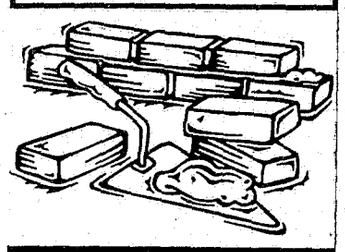

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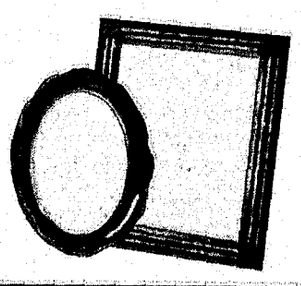

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BHS Lecture Series topics announced

A wide variety of topics are to be discussed during the 2011 Bethel Historical Society Lecture Series. Lectures are among the many programming offerings presented each year by the society to advance an understanding of and greater appreciation for the local and regional past – with a particular focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire.

Providing the first lecture on April 16 (2 p.m.) will be Benjamin Harris, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at the University of New Hampshire, who will speak on "Dr. John George Gehring and His Bethel Clinic."

The next lecturer on May 19 (7:30 p.m.) will be Jane E. Radcliffe, art historian and museum collections specialist, who will make a presentation on "Folk Art Murals of the Rufus Porter School: New England Landscapes 1825-1845." Ms. Radcliffe is co-author of a new book on this subject and will sign copies after her illustrated talk.

The third lecture will take place on June 16 (7:30 p.m.) and will feature Andrew DeRoche, Ph.D., lecturer in American History at the University of Colorado, Boulder, who will present "From Bethel to Norway via the Congo: Margaret Joy Tibbetts and U.S. Foreign Relations 1949-1964."

This year's Hall Memorial Lecture, on Aug. 12 (7:30 p.m.), will be given by Thomas A. Desjardin, Ph.D., historian, Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, who will speak on "Reluctant Warriors: Mainers React to the Outbreak of the Civil War." (This year marks the beginning of the sesquicentennial of the "War Between the States.") Finally, the society's 2011 Lecture Series will conclude with the first annual Stanley Russell Howe Lecture, which will be held on Oct. 15 (2 p.m.).

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the "Weeks Act," which allowed the establishment of the White Mountain National Forest, Richard W. Judd, Ph.D., Col. James C. McBride, professor of History at the University of Maine, will discuss the topic, "Environmental Legacies: Land-Clearing, Forest Use, and Conservation in Northern New England, 1820-1920."

All lectures in the series are free and open to any interested person. All will be held in the exhibit hall of the Dr. Moses Mason House at 14 Broad Street. For additional information about each program, plus listings of other events and exhibits taking place in 2011, please visit www.bethelhistorical.org.

Maine Garden Day planned

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension is pleased to sponsor the 18th annual Maine Garden Day on Saturday, March 26, at the Lewiston High School, 156 East Avenue, Lewiston.

This annual extravaganza features over 35 gardening workshops from local gardening experts; a tradeshow with educational displays as well as plants, seeds and tools for purchase.

You may register for half-day or quarter-day workshops. Some of the workshops include Botanical Painting, "Plants That Heal," "Making Herbal Vinegars and Mustards," "Introduction to Bee Keeping," "Shade and Fruit Tree Pruning," "The New Look of Root Cellars," "Growing a Gardening Business," "ABC's of House Plants," "Water Gardens on a Budget," "Home Orchard Basics," "Compost Utilization" and many more.

First 400 registrations accepted. Seating is limited in some workshops so it will be first come, first served. To register for Maine Garden Day you must request a brochure from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension by calling (800) 287-1482 or (207) 743-6329 (out of state) or find the brochure online at www.extension.umaine.edu/mainegardenday/. The cost of this daylong gardening extravaganza is $50 and includes breakfast, lunch and all workshops.

A sampling of bills proposed in the 125th Maine Legislature

(Summaries only; for details and a complete list of bills, go to www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/bills_125th/billtexts):

LD 17 An Act To Reform the Land Use and Planning Authority within the Unorganized Territories of the State: This bill eliminates the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, effective July 15, 2012, and directs the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission prior to its elimination to develop a plan to provide authority over land use planning in the unorganized territory to the counties in which the land is located. The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission is required to submit its proposal, together with implementing legislation necessary to effectuate the repeal of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and the transfer of its duties, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters by Dec. 2, 2011.

LD 35 An Act Relating to Concealed Firearms Locked in Vehicles: This bill provides that an employer may not prohibit an employee with a valid concealed firearms permit from keeping a firearm in the employee's vehicle as long as the vehicle is locked and the firearm is not visible.

LD 56, An Act To Allow the Owner of Waterfront Property To Fish That Body of Water without a Fishing License: This bill allows the owner of waterfront property on a great pond to fish that great pond without a fishing license and the owner of waterfront property on a river or stream to fish that river or stream from that person's property without a fishing license.

LD 63 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair the Mountain Division Rail Line: The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of $21,000,000, will be used to repair the Mountain Division rail line between Portland and Fryeburg.

LD 74 An Act To Impose Liability on a Landlord for Damages Caused by a Tenant's Pet: This bill provides that a tenant and that tenant's landlord are jointly and severally liable for damages caused to a 3rd party by that tenant's pet.

LD 146 An Act To Prohibit the Use of Mercury Amalgams in Dental Procedures for Children, Pregnant Women and Nursing Mothers: This bill prohibits a dentist from knowingly using mercury or a mercury amalgam in any dental procedure involving a person 17 years of age or younger, a woman who is pregnant or a woman who is nursing a child.

LD 167 An Act To Provide Full Funding for Advanced Placement Courses: This bill provides ongoing funds for the Advanced Placement Program within the Department of Education to provide 20 online advanced placement courses per year to high school students in the State.

LD 250 An Act To Permit Tuition Subsidies by Municipalities: This bill allows municipalities to give subsidies from their general funds to parents to reimburse them for part or all of the tuition the parents paid to private schools that are precluded from receiving tuition funding from the State. In Joyce v. State of Maine, 951 A.2d 69 (Me. 2008), the Law Court essentially acknowledged that it would be constitutionally permissible for municipalities to adopt such subsidy programs, but held that current Maine law, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 2951, prohibits municipalities from doing so.

LD 275 An Act To Change the Notice Period for Terminating Teachers' Contracts: This bill reduces from 90 days to 30 days the period in which a school board may terminate a teacher's contract when changes in local conditions warrant the termination.

LD 292 An Act To Prohibit Placing the Carcass of a Dead Animal on a Frozen Body of Water for the Purpose of Baiting Coyotes: This bill prohibits a person from placing the carcass of a dead animal on the ice of a brook, great pond or river for purposes of coyote hunting.

LD 304 An Act To Promote the Hiring of Seasonal Workers: This bill changes from 5 weeks to 10 weeks the amount of time an employer may employ an employee without being charged for unemployment benefits.

LD 305 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Allow Land and Buildings To Be Assessed Differently: This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to allow land to be assessed at a rate different from the rate at which buildings located on that land are assessed.

An Act To Implement a Coordinated Strategy To Attract New Businesses, Expand Existing Businesses and Develop a Consistent and Recognizable Maine Brand; CONCEPT DRAFT SUMMARY: This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to establish a public-private partnership at the state level with responsibility for the development and delivery of a comprehensive, coordinated and coherent strategy for economic development in Maine. This private-public partnership shall work with regional and local economic development councils and businesses to provide an array of services to companies seeking to locate or expand in Maine. This bill proposes the development of a "Maine brand" to consistently promote the quality of life in Maine, the quality of Maine recreation and vacation experiences and the quality of Maine-made products. This bill proposes to examine existing economic development programs and appropriations and allocations to each and to redirect funds to support a coherent strategy and maximize positive outcomes.

LD 339 An Act To Prohibit Municipal Ordinances More Stringent than State Guidelines: This bill prohibits municipalities from adopting shoreland zoning ordinances that are more stringent than state guidelines. Under current law, municipalities are authorized to adopt ordinances that are consistent with or more stringent than minimum state guidelines.

LD 375: An Act To Exempt Boilers in Municipalities and Schoolhouses from State Inspection Requirements: Under current law, all steam heating boilers, hot water heating boilers and hot water supply boilers that are constructed and installed in accordance with the rules adopted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels are exempt from a state-level boiler inspection program except for the boilers owned and operated by municipalities and schoolhouses. This bill includes municipalities and schoolhouses in the general exemption.

LD 436 An Act To Base the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax on the Purchase Price of a Motor Vehicle: This bill changes the method of computing the excise tax that is levied on motor vehicles and camper trailers registered in the State. With the exception of commercial motor vehicles and special mobile equipment, current law requires that the excise tax be based upon the maker's list price for the motor vehicle; the excise tax on commercial motor vehicles and special mobile equipment is based on the purchase price. This bill requires that the excise tax for all motor vehicles and camper trailers be based upon the purchase price of the vehicle and defines "purchase price" as the actual amount of money financed or paid by the consumer after any rebates or discounts. Either the original bill of sale or the state sales tax document may be used to verify the purchase price.

LD 521 An Act To Employ the Unemployed: This bill permits an employer who hires as an employee a person who has not been employed for 6 months to receive reimbursement for the amount of state income tax withheld for that employee for the first 6 months of employment.

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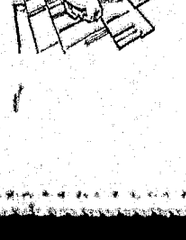

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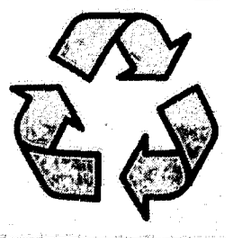

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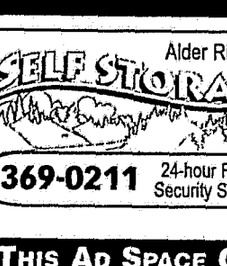

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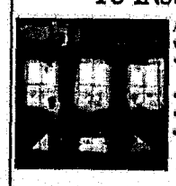

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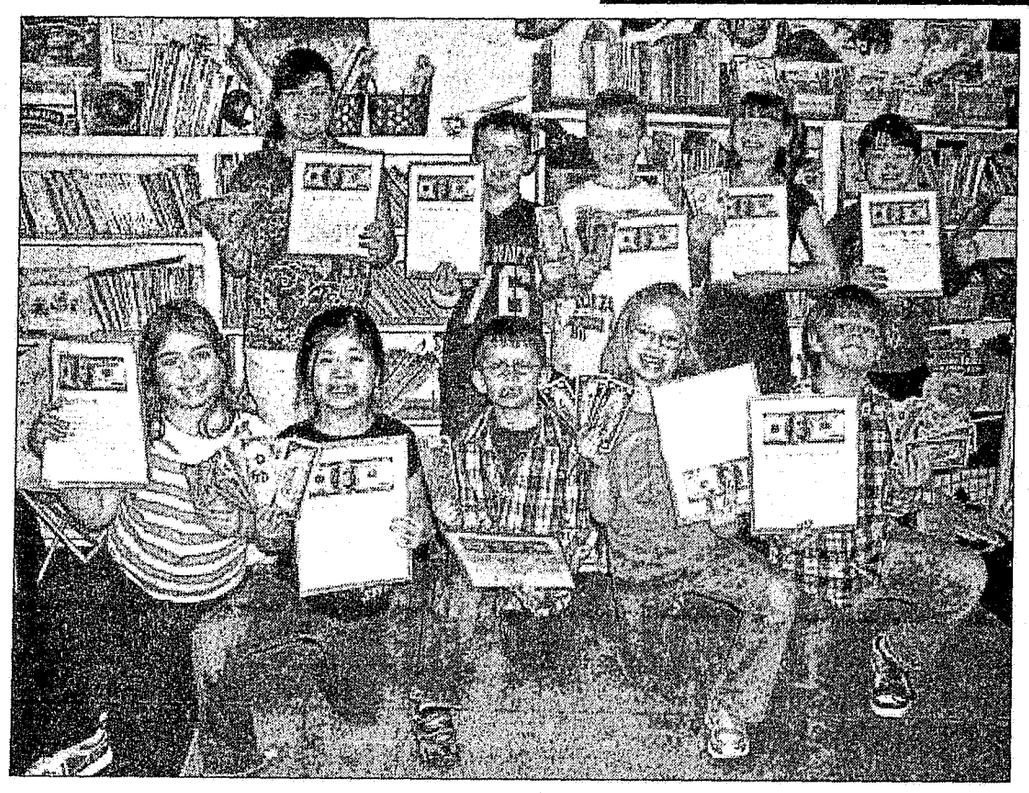

In celebration of the 100th day of school, students in Jolene Perry's 2nd & 3rd grade class at AES were recently asked what they would do with $100. A few notable mentions: Nyia Dixon wrote that she would donate food to the puppy adoption center. She would also buy wood, plaster, and tiles to help rebuild her friend April's house. April's home was lost to a fire in early February. Perry Morton would also help rebuild April's home. Nicholas Barter writes that he would get a dog from the dog pound. He would buy it a bed, dog food, toys, and a bone. He would buy it a dog house and blanket to keep the dog warm. Conor Costa would buy a plane ticket to Iowa to visit his mother. Dillan Smith would also buy a plane ticket, but his travels would take him to Alaska, where he would go on an adventure. Dylan Duclos and Madison Smith would donate money and clothes to charity.

Jacob Rainey (right) won the 2011 AES Geography Bee. Jakob Bacheller was the runner-up. Jacob is waiting to hear from the National Geographic Society to see if he will advance to the state finals.

Shaylee Morton (right) and Sadie Standeven at AES strip insulation from the wire they used to build an electromagnet.

CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY

Ron Fournier, a Maine Guide and an instructor at the 4-H Camp in Bryant Pond, recently came to Tracy Morin's CPS fourth-grade classroom to talk about Maine animals. The class has been learning about Maine animals in a unit on Maine studies. This really brought learning to life for the students.

Alice Lee's CPS second graders at Rug Rats at Sunday River. From left: Autumn Harrison, Alexis Ordway, Mario DeVivo, Lydia Bennett, Amabelle Klatsky.

TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL

SAD #44's Dropout Prevention Committee met recently to evaluate the current dropout prevention plan and to generate ideas for future literacy strategies throughout the District. Dropout Committee members include, front: Daniel Hart, Charles Raymond, Julie Hart, Jolene Littlehale, Donna Brooks and Sandy Schroeder. Back: Cheyenne Robinson, Toby Cole, Torrey Poland, Tracy Walker, Jessica Wilkey, Tamara Davis and Sheryl Morgan.

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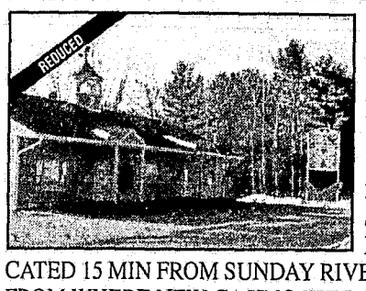

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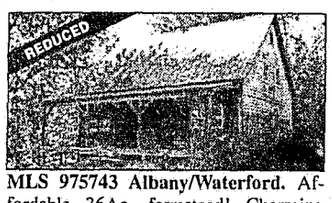

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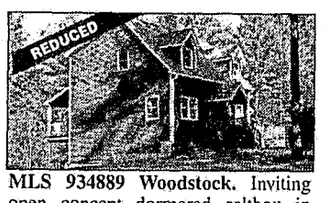
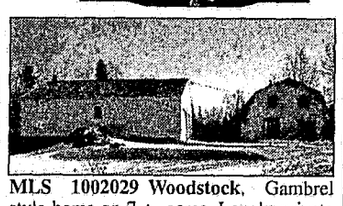


MLS 934889 Woodstock. Inviting open concept dormered saltbox in lovely private location convenient to Rte. 26 for easy commuting. Only two owners on this pretty dead-end tree-lined lane w/walking trails. Efficient *home offers many quality features.* Hot tub under back porch. NICE! **$199,900**



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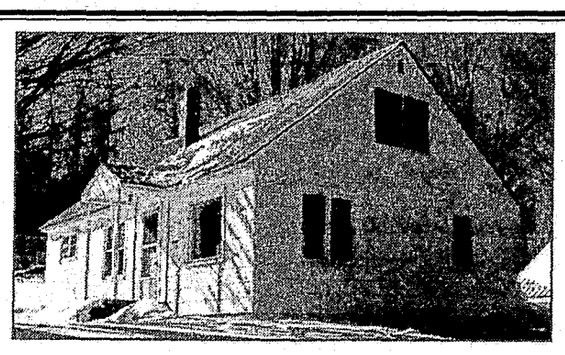

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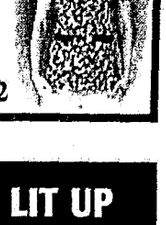

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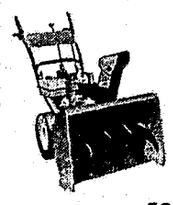

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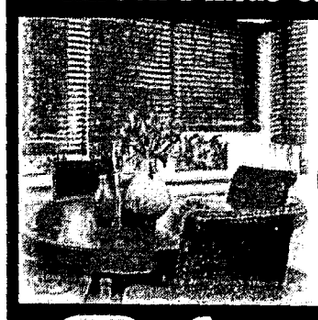

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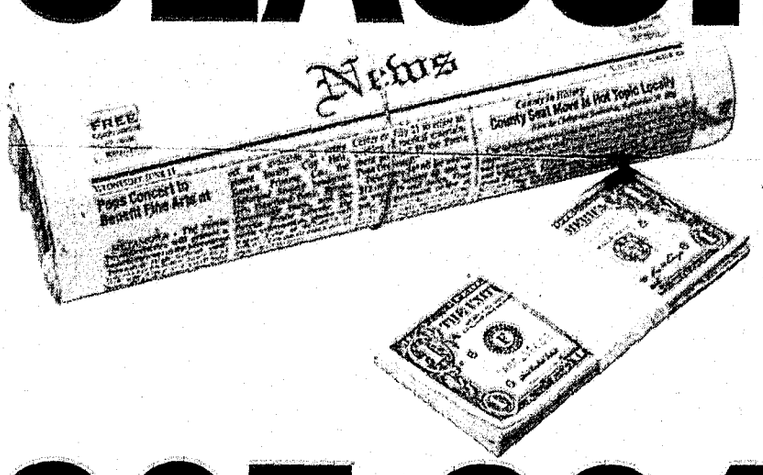

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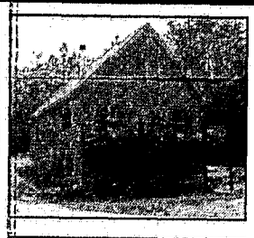
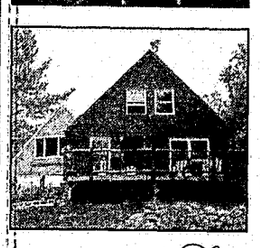


Countryside Lane, Bethel $221,500; Log chalet in neighborhood of similar log style homes. Great location with the appeal of a country setting just a few minutes from in-town Bethel's dining and shopping as well as Sunday River and Mt. Abram ski resorts. Nice open layout with a wood burning fireplace in the living room, hardwood flooring, stainless appliances, first floor master bedroom and full, unfinished daylight basement.

Paradise Pines, Bethel $209,000; Construction is complete!!! This new log-sided chalet is ready for occupancy. Located in a quiet, wooded subdivision just off Paradise Road, with filtered mountain views. Open concept design with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, unfinished walkout basement, nice deck and more! Be close to town yet nestled in the pines on this 1.13 acre lot.



Howe Hill Road, Greenwood $152,500; Log sided chalet recently updated with great views of Mt. Abram. Located across the street from the Westside Lodge, 2 car garage & nice large deck. Cathedral ceilings with exposed beams & lots of pine finishings and new flooring! This is a ski house you do not want to miss!

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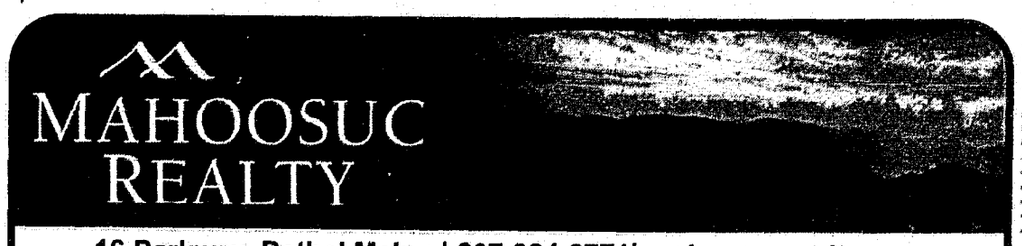

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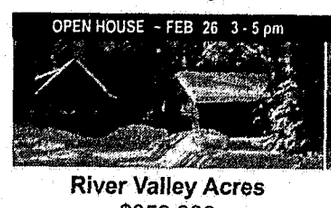

River Valley Acres
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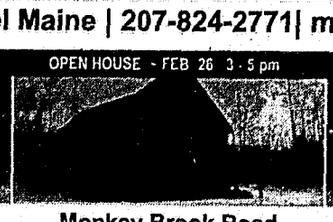

Monkey Brook Road
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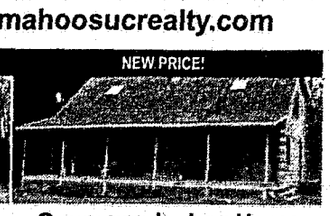

Greenwood ~ Log Home
$162,000

Bear River Waterfront
$350,000

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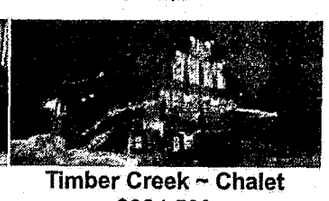

Timber Creek ~ Chalet
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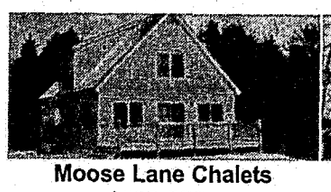

Moose Lane Chalets
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RIVERBEND 2bed/2bath, post & beam, furnished, shuttle service, near town...$158,000	LAKE CHRISTOPHER CONDO waterfront, furnished, minutes to town...$129,000
EDEN RIDGE 5A 2bed/2 bath, fireplace, walk to town, jacuzzi/sauna, end unit...$150,000	CASCADES A3 1bed/1bath, furnished, slopeside, common area, pool, hot tub...$119,900
MT ABRAM A28 2bed/2bath, trail views, end unit, woodstove, porch...$149,000	CHAMBERLAIN B10 2bed/1bath, end unit, fireplace, furnished...$115,000
EDEN RIDGE 6B 2bed/2 bath, fireplace, walk to town, laundry, garage...$145,000	CHAMBERLAIN B14 2bed/1bath, fireplace, furnished...$100,000

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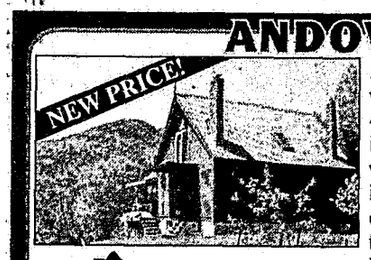

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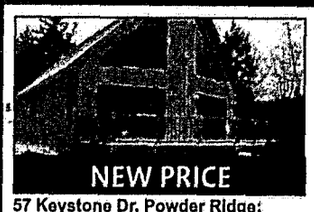
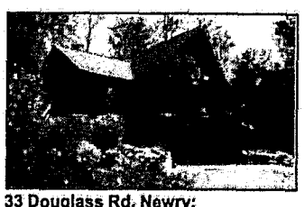


57 Keystone Dr, Powder Ridge: 3,000-sq ft home, artfully designed, sold fully furnished. 5 BRS, 3 baths. Kitchen has Viking range, pot filler, concrete countertops, walk-in pantry & more. 3-sided wood-burning fireplace in living rm, gas fireplaces in master suite & family room. Sunday River views. **$579,000**

26 North Main St, Woodstock: This house is best known for its gingerbread trim & pristine condition. Located across the street from Lake Christopher. Features 6 BRs, hardwood floors, tin ceilings, a large kitchen with a wood cookstove, a double parlor with pocket doors and a beautiful fireplace. **$149,900**

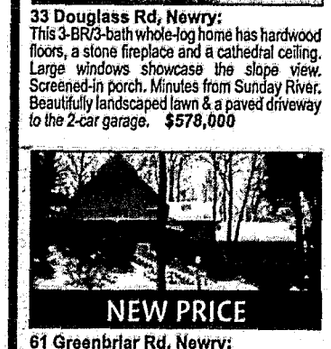
174 Mayville Rd, Bethel: Gracious federal style home in a prime location on Route 2 has a 3-sided fireplace on the1st floor and a 2-sided fireplace on the 2nd. Rich in history & original details including captain's staircase, hardwood floors, wood moldings & trim, carriage house & barn. **$349,000**



33 Douglass Rd, Newry: This 3-BR/3-bath whole-log home has hardwood floors, a stone fireplace and a cathedral ceiling. Large windows showcase the slope view. Screened-in porch. Minutes from Sunday River. Beautifully landscaped lawn & a paved driveway to the 2-car garage. **$578,000**

41 Forrest Lane, Greenwood: 3-BR/2-bath home in the South Pond Shores development. Open concept living/dining/kitchen area with cathedral ceiling, master suite with loft area, deck & full daylight basement. Access to the shared beach on South Pond, individual boat slips & dock area. **$199,000**

Lot 99, Fisher Road, Peaks Village: To be built: 4-BR/3.5-bath home. Features will include hardwood & tile floors, great room with floor-to-ceiling windows, open concept living area, mudroom & large deck. Finished basement w/family room, bath & bedroom/office. Views of Sunday River. Photo Representative. **$489,000**



61 Greenbriar Rd, Newry: Enjoy the convenience of trail access onto Ridge Run from this spacious, authentic ski chalet. 6 bedrooms (including bunk room), 4 baths, 3 family rooms, several decks, a sauna, bar and slope views combine to make this a wonderful vacation property! **$945,000**

Lot 33, Will View Phase II, Bethel: Under Construction - 3-BR/3-bath, log-sided home with family room in daylight basement. Features include cathedral ceiling, tiled mudroom/entry, gas fireplace, master suite with walk-in closet, and a wrap-around deck. Private yet convenient setting. **$294,000**

Eden Ridge Townhomes, Bethel: Unit 1B - 3-BR/2.5-bath unit was recently reconstructed with a new floor plan & upgrades that include granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Also has a gas fireplace, garage and beautiful views. Within walking distance to downtown. **$215,000**

Land

Mahoosuc Glen, Lot 8: 1+ acre lot along the 18th fairway. Convenient location off the main road, yet close to clubhouse, driving & putting ranges. Sunday River & Mahoosuc Range views. **$179,000**

Winter Park, Bethel: Subdivision featuring premier building lots with spectacular mountain views and natural beauty. Several building packages are available through a local developer. 24 lots range in size from .94 - 3.22 acres and in price from **$49,900 - $99,900.**

NEW PRICE 130 Howe Hill Rd, Greenwood: 2.2-acre buildable lot with septic design included on the way to Mt. Abram. Close access to skiing, snowmobile trails and Round/South Pond. Lot is priced to sell quickly. **$22,000**

Lot 40, The Peaks: 7.83-acre lot with gorgeous views of Sunday River's ski slopes and the Mahoosuc mountains. **$269,000**

Taylor Woods, Bethel: The final phase of Taylor Woods subdivision, off the Intervale Road, is now being offered. Home sites are available with attractive owner financing. Prices start at **$35,900.**

Featured Listings: Premier Homes

31 Mammoth Drive, Powder Ridge: On a gorgeous lot looking directly onto Sunday River slopes, this 6,900-square-foot home is completely turn-key. This home has a separate lock-out unit in the full daylight basement that can be rented separately or used to accommodate large gatherings of families and friends. **$1,795,000**

84 Vail Drive, Powder Ridge: Stunning finishes and spectacular views abound in this quality home in the fully established Powder Ridge subdivision. Features include granite counters, stainless steel appliances, master suite, gas fireplace, hot tub and more. **$1,079,000**

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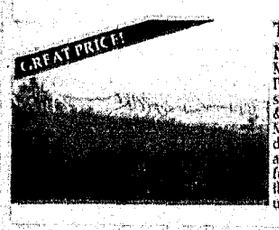

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Obituaries

NEAL W. BODWELL

Neal W. Bodwell, 86, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011, at Maine General Medical Center in Augusta.

He was born in Andover on July 10, 1924, the first child of Marion (Robinson) and Ira M. Bodwell. Neal went to school in Andover and graduated in 1941 as salutatorian of his class. He went to Business College and took a number of correspondence courses in accounting.

He went to work for the Maine Department of Education. Later, he went to what was then the Bureau of Taxation and retired in 1984. He worked for the State of Maine for 35 years.

In 1946, he married Jean Elizabeth Harris, and in 1949, their son, Russell was born. Neal built two houses and remodeled an old farmhouse in Litchfield, which he and Jean both loved.

In 1992, Neal and Jean went to Florida on vacation. They liked Florida so much they bought a house and lived there, returning summers to Maine while his mother was alive.

In 2000, Neal got homesick for Maine and returned to be near his brothers and other relatives.

Neal was a wonderful son, husband, father, brother and friend. He is survived by his wife, Jean Harris Bodwell; a son, Russell Bodwell; brothers Paul and James Bodwell; a niece, Debi Travers; and nephews, Barry, Peter and Ricky Bodwell.

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, at Staples Funeral Home, 53 Brunswick Avenue, Gardiner. Burial will take place at a later date at Woodlawn Cemetery in Andover.

RODNEY H. HANSCOM

Rodney H. Hanscom , 88, of Bethel, died Friday evening, Feb. 18, 2011 at his home.

He was born in Newry on Sept. 12, 1922, the son of Hartley H. and Nellie G. Sawyer Hanscom. He attended Woodstock High School in Woodstock and faithfully served his country in the Army during World War II, stationed in France and England. On June 6, 1948, he married Kathleen Brooks in Bethel.

He worked at P.H. Chadbourne and Co. for several years. He also served as pastor of the Newry Community Church for more than 30 years, retiring from the ministry in 2007. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post No. 68, where he served as chaplain for many years, a former member of the Odd Fellows, the Bethel Area Clergy Association and the Bethel Emergency Ambulance and Rescue Service.

Survivors include his wife, of Bethel; their children, David and Susan Hanscom of Mason Township, Nancy and Peter Anderson of Bethel, Brian and Wendy Hanscom of Newry; a daughter-in law, Christine Hanscom of Bethel; eight grandchildren; 13 1/2 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; a son, Rodney; sisters, Mabel Edith Hanscom, Vada Nellie Inman, Ella Annie Cole, Hazel Gertrude Newell, Amy Evelyn Hanscom and Ruth Edna Cummings; brothers, Ray Kenneth Hanscom and Roger Everett Hanscom; daughter-in-law, Christine Grover Hanscom; and a special niece, Vada Glover Inman Thayer.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

Family and friends attended memorial services on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the West Bethel Union Church, with the Rev. John Williams officiating. Private interment will be in the spring. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make a donation in his memory to the charity of your choice.

CLARIBEL POLAND

Claribel went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 22, 2011. She was born in South Paris on Aug, 24, 1912 to Harrison and Lillian Swift. On June 3, 1938 she married Leon "Buster" Poland.

Claribel was named the oldest citizen in Woodstock in 2009, and was presented a gold cane. She also worked many years with the Willing Workers. She and her deceased husband worked in the restaurant business. Claribel loved her family and friends and will be missed by all.

She is survived by four children, Leon Poland, Jr. and wife Rosalie, Beverly Dayton and husband Howard, Kenneth Poland, and wife Sandra, Donna Kusheba and husband, Richard. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Lloyd Poland and wife Gina, Larry Poland, Leilani Poland and husband Burt Bertram, Matthew Dayton and wife Michelle, Danielle Hasbrouck and husband Kyle, Kimberly Poland, Shane Poland and wife Veronica, Ricki Mack and wife Lisa and Vicki Hill; 18 great-grandchildren, Natasha Hodson, Alex Poland, Taliyah Dayton, Sully Poland, Molly Poland and Sawyer Poland, Megan Mack, Randi Mack, Jaymi Mack,Kendall Hill, Dallas Poland, Camrin Poland, Derick Poland and Dylan Poland, Eugena Maguire, Shenley Smith, McKenzie Bertram, Britton Bertram; six great-great-grandchildren, Thad and Ethan Hodson, Gracie and Abner Poland, Lexie Mack and Aleah Davis; a sister, Barbara Cash.

Visiting hours, 1 p.m., and funeral service, 2 p.m., will be held for Claribel at the Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011.

ERVIN 'DICKIE' BROWN

Ervin Richard "Dickie" Brown, 65, of Rumford Center died peacefully at home in the arms of his family after a long, courageous battle with brain cancer, Monday, Feb. 21, 2011.

Dickie was born to Daniel A. and Isabel N. Brown on Sept. 28, 1945 in Rumford, Maine. Dickie attended South Lancaster Academy in South Lancaster, Mass.

Dick was well known for his compassion for family and friends. He loved stock car racing, arm wrestling, camping, motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiling and spending time with his family. Dick was also known for his passion for driving overloaded pulp trucks and was recognized and inducted as a champion logger in the Fryeburg Fair Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Day Hall of Fame in 2009.

He loved living and loving life to its fullest each and every day. We all loved and admired his quick wit and lighthearted sense of humor even in his final days.

Dickie will be greatly missed by his surviving family: his wife, Mary Beth Brown of Rumford; his sons, Darren Brown of West Paris and Ervin Richard Brown, Jr. and wife Heather of Greenwood; his daughters, Darlene Cossar and husband James of West Paris, and Doreen Brown of South Paris; his stepchildren, Justin Hautaniemi of Newport, R.I., and Ashley Hautaniemi of Bethel, Tina Scribner and husband Dennis of Otisfield and Kris Sanborn of Greenwood; his grandchildren, Tricia Young and husband Eli of Oxford, Paul Cox, Jr, of Oxford, Krystal Hadley of West Paris, Jennie Cox of West Paris, Chelsey Brown of West Paris and Ervin Richard Brown III of Greenwood; his step grandchildren, Dalton and Dionne Hemingway and Jordyn and Dennis Sanborn; his great-grandchildren, Hannah Young and Delilah Cox; his brother, Daniel Brown and wife Emily of California: his sisters, Aldis Locklin and husband Tom of Massachusetts and Leanna Wisnosky and husband Bill of West Paris. He was predeceased by his wife of 33 years, Janice Cary Brown; his father, Daniel Brown; an infant brother; and infant grandson, Dustin Brown.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Perkins Valley Road in Woodstock. A celebration of his life will follow at the Tuscany Hall, Route 26, South Paris, Maine. Interment in the spring will be in the Rumford Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to www.rideinfo@braintumor.org. Search for team Dick Brown's Truckers. The Boston brain tumor bicycle ride benefits the National Brain Tumor.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

Thank You

I would like to thank my family, friends and neighbors, West Bethel Church, Pastor John Williams and Wendy for all the prayers, visits, flowers and food given to me while in the hospital and since my return home. I especially want to thank my grandson Justin and friend Stephanie for all their help and staying with me. I don't know what I would have done without them.

Love to all,
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